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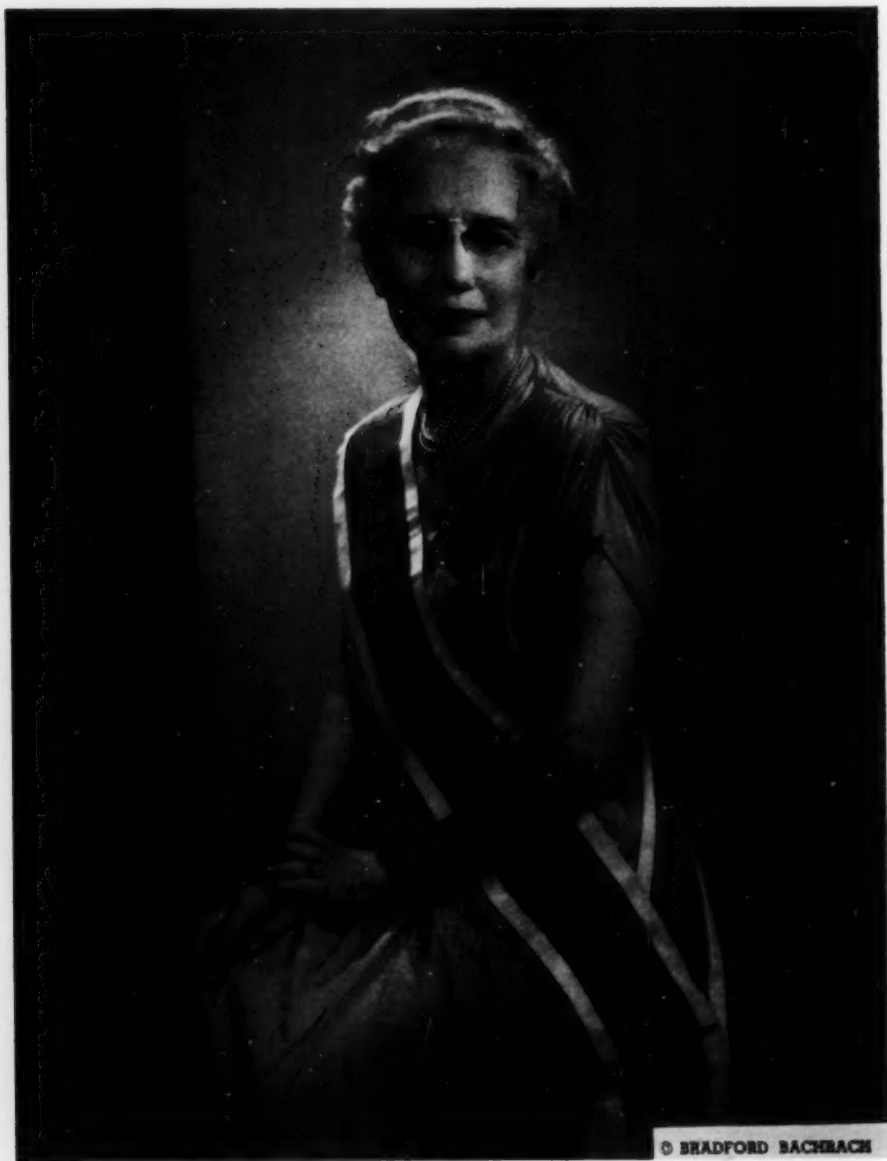
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MRS. ROSCOE C. O'BYRNE
Elected President General
Fifty-sixth Continental Congress
N. S. D. A. R.

The President General's Message

DEAR CO-WORKERS

I TRUST you will believe me when I tell you that I have never felt more truly humble in my entire life. And the realization that I have now been honored by the members of our great Society in elevation to the supreme office of President General rather numbs me. It cannot be a Supreme honor without at the same time being a Supreme responsibility.

I have nothing but complete and sincere friendship and respect for those on the opposition ticket which failed to win the approving vote of the majority of the Daughters. I have the same passion for their understanding support and cooperation, in the three year period to come, which I am confident they would have had for me and mine, if conditions had been reversed. For after all, we are Daughters first.

I wish publicly to express my personal appreciation and the appreciation of my friends for all acts of courtesy and honorable contest which have emanated from my distinguished opponent, Mrs. Stanley Thorpe Manlove, and her supporters. At this, my first opportunity, I publicly ask them for their considerate assistance in the problems of the future that all of us face as Daughters.

And when I come to consider my tireless friends and supporters, and when I permit myself to think of the instances, legion in number, in which their steel has been proven, words fail me. I thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart, and really believe that the best way in which I can pour out my gratitude is by conducting my office in a way to justify your faith.

As all of you know, I have been a candidate for this office just a trifle more than

thirty days, when the Grim Reaper took from us that beloved personality, Mrs. John Logan Marshall. I have had practically no time whatsoever to plan for the immediate future, and more than any other successful candidate for this supreme office in the history of our Society, I need your forbearance and your help. I intend, as you would naturally expect, that my initial steps will be taken with caution and with consideration, so that every step will prove one of progress, even though at first it be with reduced speed. But with the sustaining strength coming with the help of every Daughter—for after an election there can neither be friend nor foe—I prayerfully trust that we may move ever forward.

We are for the moment meeting an era with peculiar need for a strong Society as our beloved nation faces the problems and the difficulties of readjustment and reconstruction. It will take the best in every Daughter that we may accredit ourselves with the same perfection that Daughters of yesteryear displayed in periods of similar stress and strain.

With a prayer for the strength and guidance which comes only from an All Wise and Ever Kind Providence, and with the firm foundation of united support from our vast membership, we face Eastward toward the Rising Sun.

Again I assure you of a heartfelt of thanks, and May God Bless You Always.

Estella A. O'Byrne

*President General,
N. S. D. A. R.*

Searching!

BY MARGUERITE SCHONDAU

HOW we search through Life! Looking here, for a glimpse of the beautiful; listening there, for sounds that lift us into realms where our spirits are released; delving deeply, perhaps, into scientific or provocative reading. Or, perchance, we are searching for that Tomorrow as Today's fading light hugs the horizon; mysterious, with leafy Spring branches silhouetted as a backdrop of lacework. Drifting by whichever channel we choose for these moments of swift flight, we capture that power that can speed us away momentarily from the daytime world into that great kingdom of expanded thought, so restful to the spirit.

To see a sturdy branch of lilacs—part of a healthy bush—in early Spring, reaching high to the Sun, bursting into blossom, brings a glow to the senses. Nature forever searches for the Light, as does Man.

Particular too, to this field of mental and visual searching, comes to mind the fascination of ancestor-searching; this alluring game, played so absorbingly by those of a genealogical trend of mind. And what a contribution they make to present-day living, as they, through their research, uncover to the Sun, a new line of ancestry. True it is that this link with the past, strong and sure in its grip with the mental fancies of imagination, does cast its shining beams upon the searcher, for he at once, as if by some magic, somehow feels more at home in his present sphere, realizing that those of his kin who trod before him, give firmer foundations to his rich heritage. He views himself with another root upon which to fasten the stem of his present existence.

Let us look, for a moment, at that great storehouse of limitless mystery—the large, completely equipped and staffed library at National Headquarters of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington. This library, beautiful in design and furnishings, comprising over 35,000 volumes on genealogical source material, together

with many thousands of manuscripts upon genealogy on early American history, all expertly catalogued, is recognized as one of the finest genealogical libraries in the country. It is truly a Mecca for genealogists, historians and archivists—all searchers in this vast field.

I am reminded of the zeal of a newly retired U. S. official of high rank, who revels in his newly-found freedom by delving into the absorption of ancestor hunting. He, free from cares of state, literally sails forth each morning and when the day is fresh and unsullied, takes his place at the tables of the Daughters of the American Revolution library. Here he enjoys the all too fleeting hours of the day—and day after day—I am told, in ancestor capture!

Another searcher—a charming woman of many erstwhile active interests, proudly announces her passions for the genealogical lore, and is never happier than in those hours when she can lose herself in printed weavings which disclose threads of the Past, linking her with family connections of another day!

Results accrue from this hobby of searching; for it is to be noted that the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, over the period of the last three years, has admitted 25,000 new members to its rolls—a gain in membership of over 12,000 within that period; all brought to the light of patriotic interest and richer present-day heritage through the roots as established from this factual storehouse.

As this very afore-mentioned lilac flourishes in the Sun, so do we, because of our roots. And on we trudge in this Life—one for one questing search—one for another. In the ultimate goal, it is the firm roots that count whatever be the urge.

The Daughters of the American Revolution are thankful to be able to provide Manna for those who seek!



Early Biographers of George Washington

BY VYLLA P. WILSON

THE present day conception of the character and spirit of George Washington, his high ideals, courage, tastes and habits, his influence on the people of the new country of his times and his part in laying the corner stones of this great nation are to a large extent culled from the writings of those who knew and walked with Washington or else were in touch with his generation.

While some of these earlier biographers might be surpassed in literary style by those who have come after them, yet the tradition of Washington as colossal in stature among the great men of history of the world has been preserved through the alchemy of those who wrote of him when he still walked the earth or when his personality and great deeds still reechoed in the personal love of the people who knew him and the boys and girls who learned of the great Washington at some Revolutionary soldier's or heroine's knee.

While most of those around him did not essay an extended biography many of the statesmen and others associated with Washington included estimates and interesting incidents of Washington in their diaries and account books, a system of keeping the record straight so prevalent in the early days of the country. Honest examples of the greatness of Washington are contained in many a yellowed note or paper written by a statesman or Revolutionary soldier and now treasured in many an American family or in our national archives.

In fact while Washington never attempted an autobiography he was something of his own biographer nevertheless in his carefully kept lists and record and account books and his frank, meticulous correspondence with his family, and his straight-to-the-point addresses made in the line of duty. These must have been written down by Washington or taken down carefully by his secretary, Tobias Lear, or some one equally in the service of Washington, else the phraseology would not be so faithfully preserved.

Washington left full testimony to his belief in religious freedom in his address

to the Quakers in 1789 when he said, "While men perform their social duties faithfully they do all that society or the state can with propriety demand or expect; and remain responsible only to their Maker for the religion or modes of faith, which they prefer or profess."

In his headquarters order at Valley Forge, May 2nd 1778, Washington wrote those deathless words "To the distinguished character of a Patriot it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian."

In a letter from Valley Forge, so precious in the archives of Washington's greatness, he said "I think our affairs are brought to this sore crisis that the hand of God may be more clearly seen in our deliverance."

Tobias Lear has given us deathless data in the understanding and appreciation of the great spirit of Washington. After living for two years under Washington, Tobias Lear wrote "I have never found a single thing that could lessen my respect for George Washington. A complete knowledge of his honesty, uprightness and candor in all his private transactions has sometimes led me to think him more than a man."

Speaking of Washington's last hours in those sad days before his death at Mt. Vernon, Tobias Lear wrote, "He then asked, if I recollected anything which it was essential for him to do, as he had but a very short time to continue with us. I told him I could not recollect nothing but that I hoped he was not so near his end. He observed smiling, that he certainly was, and that, as it was the debt we must pay, he looked to the event with perfect resignation. . . . His patience, fortitude, and resignation never forsook him for a moment. In all his distress he uttered not a sigh or complaint."

Nellie Custis, favorite step-granddaughter of Washington, testified to his love of farming in a way no lengthy biography could when she wrote to her friend, Mrs. Oliver Wolcott, "Grandpa is very well and much pleased with being once more Farmer Washington."

Martha Washington's few letters preserved for posterity also add their quota to the general summing up of the character of Washington. In writing to a relative on Washington's allegiance to the cause of the colonies she said, "George is right; he is always right. God has promised to, protect the righteous and I will trust him."

George Washington Parke Custis, step-grandson of Washington, has given us rare insight into the personal character of Washington, for this young man who learned so much from Washington wrote of him and recorded many expressions of appreciation of Washington by the men of his times.

Speaking of Washington at Mt. Vernon, when young Custis was member of the family, he wrote "When the cloth was removed (after dinner) with old fashioned courtesy he (Washington) drank to the health of every person present and then gave the toast, his only toast, "All Our Friends!" Again this step-grandson so dear to Washington's childless heart wrote "He was reserved but there were a chosen few, who, having passed the barrier, were wooed by his kindly friendship . . . till they finally gained footing in the citadel of his esteem. . . . He was tender, compassionate and sympathizing. We have seen him shed tears of parental solicitude over the manifold errors and follies of our unworthy youth."

"There never lived a man more averse to show and pomp than Washington," George Washington Parke Custis wrote. "Plain in his habits there were none to whom the details of official parade and ceremony could be less desirable; but correct in all his varied stations in life, the days of the first presidency will ever appear as among the most dignified and imposing in our country's annals."

John Adams, who served as vice president in the Washington administrations, wrote many things which give insight into the character of Washington and are useful as biographical material. In an address to the Senate, December 23rd, 1799, Adams said, "His (Washington's) example is now complete and it will teach wisdom and virtue to magistrates, citizens and men not only in the present age but in future generations as long as our history shall be read—"

The most ambitious biographies of Wash-

ington, written by men who lived in the same era as he did—Mason Locke Weems, American preacher and writer; John Marshall, soldier and jurist and Washington Irving, who received his inspiration for his long years of research and careful writing of Washington's biography when Irving was a little lad and President Washington lay his great hand on his head, in little Old New York.

Parson Weems might well smile at the barbs and arrows historians have flung at his works on Washington, first published in 1800 and which have since been printed and reprinted, the old volumes forming collectors' precious items. Generation after generation of American small boys and girls have been fascinated at the incidents of the cherry tree and the hatchet and the other tales of the little boy who grew up to be a great hero. Whether these stories were true or false they inculcated in the mind of young America a conception of Washington as the embodiment of truth, straightforwardness, honesty and bravery. Besides the incidents of Washington's boyhood which historians wrangle over, Parson Weems concisely made a declaration of Washington's glory when he wrote, "Of all the virtues that adorned the life of this great man, there is none more worthy of our imitation than his admirable industry. It is to this virtue of Washington, that America stands indebted for services past calculation; and it from this virtue, that Washington himself snatched a wreath of glory, that will never fade away . . . in choosing men to serve his country. Washington knew no recommendation but merit—no friends, however dear, stood any chance for a place under him, provided he knew men better qualified. Respecting such men, he never troubled himself to enquire, whether they were foreigners or natives, federalists or democrats."

Many stories have been recorded of the experiences of John Marshall in his years of devotion to the task of setting down the record of Washington's greatness in the biography of many volumes, written so painstakingly and conscientiously. He had the aid and cooperation of Bushrod Washington, nephew of Washington, who was in the possession of Washington's papers and who could add so many materials and personal details to the biography. The vicissitudes of a biographer experi-

enced by the great John Marshall would make a story of itself but suffice it to say the revised biography was published in 1832, greatly improved, it is claimed, over the earlier publications. This revised, improved second edition won great popularity. A few years after the death of John Marshall a small volume, "The Life of Washington," was published for school children, popularly believed to be the work of John Marshall.

John Marshall made many important contributions to the enduring conception of Washington. "His exterior created in the beholder idea of strength, united with manly gracefulness," Marshall wrote, "... his person and whole deportment exhibited an unaffected and indescribable dignity, mingled with haughtiness, of which all who approached him were sensible; and the attachment of those who possessed his friendship and enjoyed his intimacy was ardent, but always respectful ..."

Another time Marshall wrote, "In the management of his private affairs he exhibited an exact yet liberal economy. His funds were not prodigally wasted on capricious and ill-examined schemes."

A really high tribute from the heart is contained in the words of John Marshall, December 1799, "More than any other individual and as much as to one individual was possible, has he contributed to found this our wide-spreading empire and to give to the western world independence and freedom."

In his estimate of Washington as a leader he wrote, "Only great talents could have accomplished what Washington accomplished, but no genius alone, however prodigious, could fill that place in the world's history which is held by Washington's clearness of view and unbending moral strength."

Again Marshall wrote, "He made no pretensions to that vivacity which fascinates, or to that wit which dazzles and frequently imposes on the understanding. More solid than brilliant, judgment rather than genius constituted the most prominent features of his character."

The praiseworthy qualities of Washington are also stressed by John Marshall: "He exhibits the rare example of a politician

to whom wiles are absolutely unknown, and whose professions to foreign governments and his own countrymen were always sincere ... guided by an unvarying sense of moral right, which would tolerate the employment only, of those means that would bear the most rigid examination, by a fairness of intention which neither sought nor required disguise, and by a purity of virtue which was untainted. ..."

Washington Irving, that boy of Little Old New York who all his life is said to have cherished the accolade of the touch of Washington's hand on his head, when as an eager lad he sought the attention of President Washington, has given to the early biographies of Washington something of youthful dreams come true. For the lad saw Washington many times in his boyhood as the President drove through the streets of old New York in his splendid equipage. No doubt the boyish dreams of authorship were coupled with the desire to write the life of his hero.

There is something of the quality of these dreams in some of the comments on the character and life of Washington in Washington Irving's biography of him.

"The fame of Washington," Washington Irving wrote, "stands apart from every other in history, shining with truer lustre and a more benignant glory. With us his memory remains a national property, where all sympathies throughout our widely extended and diversified empire meet in unison. Under all dissensions amid all storms of party, his precepts and example speak to us from the grave with a paternal appeal; and his name—by all revered—forms a universal tie of brotherhood—watchword of our Union."

Speaking of Washington as a man of method, Washington Irving wrote, "Washington carried into his rural affairs the same method, activity and circumspection that had distinguished him in military life. He kept his own accounts, posted his own books and balanced them with mercantile exactness. They were monuments of his business habits ... he had never ceased to be the agriculturist; through all his campaigns he had kept himself informed of the rural affairs at Mt. Vernon."



The Good Old Days

BY FRANCES ROCKWELL LOVELL

AT auctions today you see the last sad remnants of what were once the good old days in New England, spool beds, blown glass and Bennington pottery. They are somebody's household gods laid upon the altar of necessity for somebody else to buy. Maybe the spool bed needs refinishing or the Bennington jug has lost a handle. Somebody lived with these things once, in the good old days when the country was a quiet place of dirt roads and horses in the barns.

Today there are schools, staffed by well-trained women under the state extension service, who teach you how to make stenciled trays exactly like the ones on which grandmother served tea to the minister. We call them painted tinware and painted tin was the common form, put out in flocks between 1790 and 1870. This ware was for the "hoi polloi." Plain stencils were simple and they turned out nutmeg graters, tea canisters and even bath tubs of painted tin.

But when they did more elaborate designs, more convoluted birds and flowers and curlicues, it was called japanned tin. Sometimes they painted the tough dark lacquer of the japanned tin with bright colors and complicated motifs done by hand. Most of our lovely old trays are japanned tin. And if they went into it with very elaborate pastoral or historic scenes, it was called tole. Painted tin came to us from China via the Dutch East India Company and American tin-smiths simply copied the art.

Spool beds, like the old saw about when is a door not a door, are not spool beds at all but usually button, bulb or ball. The first ones were made like spools upon spools, by hand or machine and they were at their height from 1815 to 1865. Few were made after the Civil War. And with the ease of machine turning, these became the style known today as spool beds but which are not.

Windsor chairs may be distantly related to the Duke of Windsor for they were called after a similar English chair. But they originated in Philadelphia and were first called stick chairs from the spindles in the

back. Probably some Swedish or Welsh joiner made the first stick chair with its comfortable saddle seat and bamboo legs used in all later models. There are many types of Windsor and the more spindles or sticks the chair has, the more valuable it is. From 1725 to 1875, quantities of these chairs were made in variations from comb back to triple comb back. They were made from several woods, poplar for the saddle seats, hickory for the spindles, shaved by hand, and maple, ash or hickory for legs and stretchers. But whatever they are called, they are a rare adjunct to New England homes and no copies can ever take their place. A worn old Windsor, is something to fight over—and many people do.

The evolution of eating tools is a fascinating study. Once upon a time people ate with their fingers. In some swanky eating places today they serve chicken minus anything but fingers. The first spoon was a tiny bowl at the end of a long rod. Forks derived from two-tined prongs and knives came down from the cleaver with which they chopped up their meat. Poor people made their own eating implements from wood and their plates were trenchers.

For many years pewter was the middle class table silver and probably much was melted down and run into a mold for spoons or flat ware which was the stock in trade of the journeyman who toured the land in 1810 with a melting pot and kit of molds. But the itinerant pewterer was considered far beneath the silver-smith who made many lovely things from 1650 to 1850. Paul Revere was the most famous early silver-smith probably because of his historical associations—even if they do say that someone else finished his midnight ride for him. Anyway, Paul hired other men to make his pitchers and ewers and mugs but on all he stamped his own mark. He was thus a good business man with an eye to the future and his name will live forever. Many other smiths were far better artisans than Paul but life is sometimes unfair and we always think of Paul Revere when we think of silver—or of Longfellow.

And he also cast some of the oldest church bells in the country. He lived in what we now consider a tiny cottage in Boston, today hedged in by a foreign rabble where small boys recite a ritual about the great man in return for a handful of silver. So silver is still the important thing with Paul Revere.

Bennington pottery was a flint-glazed ware made at that town in Vermont. The lovely, graceful grey stone jars and jugs, with their blue insignia of birds and curly-cues, has been written up by a Bennington historian, John Spargo, in *THE POTTERS OF BENNINGTON*.

Sandwich glass was pressed glass made in that place on Cape Cod by one Deming Jarves, a Huguenot whose name was really spelled Gervais. He, like other Americans, simply improved on the method of making things from Holland and England. Unless

you are a professional, you will think that pressed glass is Sandwich glass and vice versa. Ruth Webb Lee has written an authoritative book on this subject if you want to know the difference.

Liverpool pitchers always have a strange fascination for us. We love their fat potbellies with a privateer in full sail on their side or a picture of some commodore with high collar and crossed swords. For they were brought here from Britain during the War of 1812 and American artists painted their own pictures symbolizing our successes against Britain. How the limeys must have ground their teeth over that!

You may go on and on, tracing the origins of the things of our ancestors which are piled up at auctions, for some one to buy and take home and refinish, chairs and tables and beds that were used and loved once in the good old days.



Flag Day—June 14

OUR Flag of the United States is the symbol of National Unity whether in times of war or peace. Recently millions have gone forth to defend it in every section of the earth. The majority of these men and women have returned to their homeland, this Republic, to live under its protection.

What an opportunity we have in 1947 to give life to the silence of the Flag, which represents to us the march of our nation's history since it came into being 170 years ago by Act of the Continental Congress, June 14, 1777.

Every person living under the protection of our Flag should know its *history*, realize its *meaning*, appreciate its *significance*, and the *privilege* of being a citizen of the Republic of the United States. We should be cognizant that a price has been paid for every great advance in our na-

tion's history from the days of the Pilgrims to the march of the pioneers across the country. Every great victory has been purchased with great sacrifice. Character, ideas, and loyalty are woven into the Flag, which we should revere with the greatest devotion and esteem.

As we pay our tribute to our Flag on this anniversary may we urge all to live up to the code of etiquette in actions and words; giving support to the laws pertaining to the display and use of the Flag; and preventing its desecration and mutilation in accordance with the Resolutions passed at our 56th Continental Congress. In building for tomorrow let us keep the magic banner of our Nation a symbol of our faith and confidence in the blessings of our Constitutional Government.

HAZEL B. NIELSON.



Genealogy—History—Antiques

BY MARY E. DAVISON

GENEALOGY, history and antiques seem very closely related, for if one finds an antique the history is likely to be found with it and also one might find the genealogy of the family to whom the antique belonged.

These three hobbies have certainly taken up a great deal of my time, but my—how I have enjoyed it; and now that I am older I can look back with so much pleasure upon the days I spent traveling along the country roads, looking through old barns and attics, and taking some by-ways which led to nothing except a pleasant ride through the country.

I have enjoyed searching through old histories and all kinds of old records. Sometimes I found nothing and then perhaps very unexpectedly I came across something which to me was very valuable.

It is too bad that more people do not realize how important it is to preserve their family history. If one does not care for it for himself, he should at least be able to pass down something to future generations.

Sometimes very unexpectedly I have found valuable information when buying antiques.

Some years ago I was asked to go and look at some antiques here in my home town. I looked at them and saw there wasn't anything which I wanted and started to leave the house, when I suddenly asked the lady if she had any old Bibles or old records. Very quickly she brought out the old family Bible and tore the record out and handed it to me. I was quite surprised, but I was pleased to receive such a valuable record, for it dated back for many years.

At this special time I was collecting all the records I could find. Sometimes I would buy old Bibles at the Salvation Army and copy the records and give them to the Daughters of the American Revolution and they had them bound and put on file in the libraries.

I felt very bad when my great-aunt tore the record from one of my family Bibles. She didn't want any one to know her age, was the reason she gave; she lived to be eighty-five years old.

In destroying this record she deprived her family from locating their New England Ancestors and even to-day I have been able to find very little information about this line.

When attending an auction at Marathon, N. Y. I found a very old Bible. It was kicking around on the lawn with some other old books, clothing and furniture which were being put up at auction. The house and contents had belonged to an old lady who willed her estate to some young people and they didn't care anything about family history. All they wanted was to realize all the money they possibly could from the contents of the house.

I picked up the Bible, handed it to the auctioneer and I bought it for ten cents. It was very old and contained some fine old records, too valuable to be lost. I copied it and sent it away to join the other records I had sent in to the Daughters of the American Revolution. Later I gave the Bible to a distant relative of the family.

Some years ago when visiting in New York City, I was looking through the antique shops and stopped at one of the largest shops. I sat down while my husband was looking around and while I sat there I couldn't help but overhear the conversation going on between the salesman and a prospective customer. The stories were very good and quite interesting, but I wondered to myself just how many of them were correct, and whether he ever forgot the history of each article. I know from my own experience in buying antiques, it always makes a piece just a little more interesting and valuable to the buyer if there is a little added history.

One summer while touring through New England we usually stopped in many of the antique shops. I was particularly interested in finding a band-box made by Hannah Davis who had lived in Jaffrey, New Hampshire. I saw one in one of the shops but my husband didn't think it quite nice enough. I was a little disappointed in not acquiring it, but I was well repaid later in the day by finding a very beautiful one in a shop in Peterboro, N. H.

Hannah Davis was the daughter of John and Mary (McIntire) Davis. Mr. Davis was a clockmaker from Ringe, N. H. He moved to Jaffrey, N. H., in 1786. Their daughter Hannah was born at Ringe, N. H., in 1784.

Hannah had a flair for business. She made band-boxes of wood and nailed them together with hand-wrought nails, then she peddled them throughout the country.

The boxes were very attractive as she covered them on the outside with hand-blocked wall paper of beautiful designs, some of the paper depicting noted historic events of our country.

The boxes were lined with old newspapers of early dates—1829-1841. On the inside of the lid she pasted her label, which read "Warranted, nailed band-boxes made by Hannah Davis, Jaffrey, N. H."

The box I acquired was covered on the outside with a beautiful blue hand-blocked paper, having as a design a basket of very colorful fruit. I remembered seeing a similar box in the attic of my aunt's old farm house, the paper on the outside depicting Old Castle Garden, New York.

In this particular box there were two very old polk-shaped bonnets which had been worn by our fine ladies of by-gone days. One bonnet was made of white silk and the other lovely beaver. What fun I had in trying these on. I wish I could tell their story.

The first piece of news which I found inside of the box on the old newspapers were the list of marriages and deaths, dating back to 1829-1841. Most of them were printed in the *Massachusetts Spy*. It was quite a lengthy list and I copied it and sent it to our D. A. R.

I found other interesting bits of news, such as a notice of the "Great Whig Convention". "The Whigs of the Connecticut River Valley, held a convention at Clairmont, New Hampshire, on Wednesday last." The *National Eagle* states that about one thousand delegates were present.

Another bit of news—A Slaver condemned—On Tuesday, the case of the Schooner *Ann*, which had been pending for several weeks in the Circuit Court of the United States, was concluded. This

vessel was seized by the Marshal on suspicion of having been built and fitted out expressly for slave trade. The Court decreed the vessel to be condemned as a slaver. *Baltimore Sun*.

An advertisement about the "Leicester Academy". "The Spring Term of this institution will commence on Thursday, the 27th inst. Tuition in the English Branches \$3.50, Languages \$4.50. Jos. A. Denny Secy. of the Board of Trustees."

The following notice I thought might interest the Daughters of the American Revolution. In Mansfield, Jan. 20th, Lieut. Mason Cobb died, aged 84 yrs.; Jan. 22nd, Benj Cobb died, aged 87 yrs.; Capt. John Cobb died, Feb. 4th, aged 82 yrs. All three brothers served in the American Revolution, and were Pensioners. Leaving still living four other brothers, the youngest of whom is over seventy. The united ages of all seven brothers amounted to 550 yrs., 9 mo. 17 days, the average of which is 78 yrs., 8 months.

Their father, Benj. Cobb, died 1811 aged 82 yrs. and their mother died 1828 in the 99th year of her age—*Mass. Spy*, 1841.

Another death notice—At his residence in Norton, Ohio, Henry Vanhining Esq., died at the advanced age of 102. Mr. Vanhining was in service throughout the American Revolutionary War, and was a member of the Rangers in the State of New York. He was one of the earliest settlers of Northern Ohio.

Here is an ad—One Price Store, J. H. H. & Co., No. 3 Butman street, Worcester, Mass. This is the kind of a store where our ancestors did their buying of such things as French, English and American Prints; printed muslins, lawns and cambrics; shirred lawns and muslins; lace stippled and plain; watered bonnet silks in all colors, Paris tarletans and satins; very heavy pon-de-soie; neck ribbons, plain satin, taffata; French and American artificial flowers; French bonnet crowns and frames, wire for bonnets; whalebone, canes; marking wools, worsteds, every color; worsted patterns, marking canvasses, needles and many other articles for sale, and other articles too numerous to mention.



Parliamentary Procedure

QUESTION. May prospective members of a chapter be elected to associate membership while their application papers are pending? *Answer.* NO, an associate member of a chapter is one who is already a member in good standing in the National Society, therefore a person who has not been elected to membership by the National Society can not be elected an associate member. While an applicant's papers are pending the chapter may invite her to the social meetings but no official recognition may be shown her until she becomes a regular member.

Question. Is it a good rule to have the retiring nominating committee name the nominating committee who is to report to the next annual meeting? NO, really your parliamentarian was more surprised when this question was received than at any other sent in since her appointment as parliamentarian. Such a rule should not be included in the by-laws of any chapter, for the election of the nominating committee is a duty of the chapter or of the chapter board. It is out of order for the retiring nominating committee to select the new committee.

Question. If a Vice Regent, when a vacancy occurs in the office of Regent, accedes to that office and serves less than six months in the vacancy, should she be entitled to a Regent's bar? YES. It seems most unfair to penalize a person just because she happens to be a victim of circumstances. When a chapter elects a member the Vice Regent the chapter knows that if a vacancy occurs in the office of Regent in the interim between annual meetings the Vice Regent will accede to the office and serve as Regent until the next annual meeting, therefore she should be given the same honors the chapter bestows upon a Regent who serves a term. A good point to remember when nominating and electing Vice Regents is **DO NOT ELECT ANYBODY THE CHAPTER WOULD NOT BE WILLING TO SERVE AS REGENT.**

Two interesting questions have been sent recently to your parliamentarian from chapters who still carry antiquated rules, and here they are. First: Should the Regent be required to cast the deciding vote when there is a tie? NO, a thousand times NO. It is a very unfair rule for the presiding officer of our deliberative groups to be

forced to declare her stand on any question, and it always causes hard feelings among those who were not on "her side." This is a "hand down" from our great grandmothers who felt they must try to require as much of their presiding officer as is required of the President of the Senate of the United States. Now if you carry this rule in your article on the duties of the Regent, **TAKE IT OUT.**

The other antiquated rule is about amending the by-laws of a chapter. This chapter wanted to know what to do with the "Die Hards" who always took advantage of that terrible rule in the by-laws which also had come down from the "dark ages" of requiring a unanimous vote to amend the By-Laws. The Regent of that chapter was really to be pitied for she wrote that no matter how worthy and necessary the amendment was that these members always voted against it. This Regent feels her chapter is not in step with the National Society and she is most anxious to bring the by-laws up to date and in line with common parliamentary usage, but any thing proposed that would change a rule that had "always been just like this" these "Die Hards" voted no. Until these members realize they are holding back the progress of the chapter, this chapter will be more or less at a complete stand still.

Another Regent is greatly perturbed about some of the members wishing to form another chapter and while the organizing of this new chapter is being completed these members are working against their mother chapter, and her question is this: If the new chapter is not formed can we be made to retain these members who tried to organize it and worked against our chapter, as our members? YES. The By-Laws of the National Society carry the following in Article IX section 3 regarding this. Quote, "If the proposed chapter shall not be formed within the required time the status of the members shall not be affected." So the chapter must retain these members and of course accept them with as much grace as possible.

Faithfully yours,

NELLIE WATTS FLEMING
(Mrs. Hampton Fleming),
Parliamentarian N. S. D. A. R.

Treasures of Our Museum



BENNINGTON AND FENTON POTTERY

By MRS. W. W. HUSBAND, *St. John deCrevecoeur Chapter*

THE name Fenton, according to history, first belonged to a soldier who was in Queen Elizabeth's Army, and founded Fenton, England. The next known of the family was Jonathan Fenton in Massachusetts, a Revolutionary soldier, who established the first pottery in Dorset, Vermont, in 1783, and made pottery there up to 1834.

He had two sons, Christopher Weber and Richard Weber. Richard Weber Fenton (my great-grandfather) established a pottery in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, about 1800, which continued until 1825. His son Leander Fenton carried on this primitive art until 1859. These products were made from common clay and simple designs were used, the coloring being mostly dark gray, with blue designs, usually flowers, while one was unusual with hens and chickens on a churn. One striking pattern on a large jug is Queen Elizabeth. The articles were for common usage and consisted of cider and molasses jugs, cookie and pickle jars, pitchers, spittoons, beer bottles, churns, etc.

St. Johnsbury, Vermont, was founded in 1786. A grant of land was given to St. John deCrevecoeur. The name is preserved by a D. A. R. Chapter that carries its name, and published a book of the early history of the town.

Christopher Weber Fenton went to Bennington, Vermont, about 1830 knowing there was Kaolin in the soil. A pottery had already been established there by the Norton family, whose daughter he married. He was of an artistic temperament, with advanced ideas of art in pottery and Parian mak-

ing. He was called the Wedgwood of America. He perfected an iridescent enamel which shows green, brown, blue, yellow and orange in a brilliant glaze, also a fine tortoise shell glaze. He combined silica with Kaolin which gives great strength and is fire-proof. He made Rockingham, which is a combination of brown and yellow, always in irregular spots.

His pottery, in brown shades and a beautiful glaze, carried a large selection. Hound-handled pitchers, cow creamers, tobies, dogs, book-shaped flasks (many sizes), monk and gentleman (with high hat) flasks, pudding molds, candlesticks, coffee pots, Rebecca-at-the-Well tea pots, bed pans, mugs with handles, soap dishes, milk pans, plates, etc. His artistry was especially marked in his Parian ware. It is a creamy white shade, with skillfully executed designs molded and pressed by hand. The delicately moulded grapes seen on match-box and pitchers are a mark of his careful work. The pitchers and vases are always lined with glaze.

The Parian out-put was large though only 30 percent of all Bennington products were marked. The list includes pitchers, one much-sought-after "Niagara Falls", also those with perfectly executed flowers of many kinds. The lovely blue as a background was stippled.

Illustration Note: "Departed Spirits" book flask, Rockingham mug with handle, Parian Pitcher with grape design, blue background.

Pilgrimage to Mount Vernon

IT was with great pleasure that the Daughters of the American Revolution Museum Committee of the District accepted the kind invitation of Mr. Charles C. Wall, Superintendent, Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, to visit that historic shrine as guests of the Association. We were invited to meet in the lounge of the Regents' Quarters, hear talks on history of Mt. Vernon by Mr. Wall and Mr. Worth Bailey, the Curator, and be personally conducted by them in our study of the Museum, which we considered a great privilege and honor.

Monday, November 4th, 1946, was chosen for the pilgrimage. We left in private cars at 10 a. m. from the Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter House on Massachusetts Avenue, crossing the Potomac on the Arlington Memorial Bridge, past old Christ Church in Alexandria, along the Mt. Vernon Highway with its beautiful view of the wide river. At the Mt. Vernon gate we were met by Mr. Bailey and escorted to the Regents' Quarters, where Mr. Wall extended to our eighty pilgrims a most cordial welcome.

Seated in the spacious lounge, we were delighted with Mr. Wall's history of Mt. Vernon—the coming of Colonel Washington's bride, Martha Dandridge Custis in the spring of 1759; their happy home life until he was called to take command of the Continental Army; the subsequent return to Mt. Vernon and enlargement of the house for many guests. He said that the Museum was erected in 1928, to house the extensive collection of articles that belonged to the Washington family.

Mr. Bailey read an interesting letter written by Mrs. Washington in 1792, from Philadelphia, to Fanny Bassett Washington, at Mt. Vernon, which was greatly enjoyed because it showed her womanly interest in domestic affairs.

Our hosts then accompanied us to the Museum, explaining the objects in each case, answering many questions. We were fascinated by the Washington family antiques, such as French porcelain plates with gold initials "G.W.", gift of Count Custine, who fought on our side in the Revolution; Chinese Lowestoft plates with gold initials "M.W.", gift to Mrs. Washington in 1792;

china with the Insignia of the Order of the Cincinnati, very valuable today; glass, silver, embroidered linens and a quilt made by Mrs. Washington; family jewels and accessories; interesting family apparel; the white silk and lace wedding dress of Nelly Custis, worn when she married Lawrence Lewis, nephew of Gen. Washington, February 22nd, 1799, which was the General's last birthday. We were shown four handsome swords of Gen. Washington and glad to learn their histories, also that of the original bust of Washington, modelled by Jean Antoine Houdon, French sculptor, in 1785.

We visited the Mansion and Old Kitchen. A rare privilege is given to those who peep into the past in this most historic of Colonial homes.

We were honored in having with us the D. C. State Regent, Mrs. Wilfred J. Clearman; the Vice President General, Mrs. Geoffrey Creyke; the Treasurer General, Mrs. Charles Carroll Haig; state officers, chairmen, regents and members. Assisting the state chairman as hostesses were our executive committee: Miss Phebe Ann Ross, Mrs. Donald M. Earll, Mrs. Joseph L. Anderson, Mrs. Carroll H. May, Mrs. George C. Ober, Jr., and Mrs. Fred D. Gwynn.

We sincerely appreciated the hospitality of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association and kindness of our hosts, Mr. Charles C. Wall and Mr. Worth Bailey, who made our pilgrimage a perfect success.

What did we learn? We learned that a Museum is necessary to preserve and protect the priceless treasures of the Washington family at Mount Vernon, as our own Daughters of the American Revolution Museum in Memorial Continental Hall is necessary to preserve and protect the inherited treasures given it by members of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution. Both are historical Museums, preserving the past for its own sake, as well as for the pleasure and education of future generations.

LUELLA P. CHASE,
*State Chairman, D. A. R. Museum
Committee, District of Columbia.*

News Items

The Business and Professional Group of Omaha Chapter

THE Business and Professional Group of The Omaha Chapter, in Omaha, Nebraska was organized in 1944 through the efforts of Mrs. G. H. Seig, Regent of The Omaha Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution from 1944 to 1946.

This is not a separate organization of Daughters of the American Revolution, but only a branch of the Omaha Chapter, which was organized in 1897.

We pay our dues to the Chapter treasurer and our names, as well as those of other groups, are listed together in one yearbook of The Omaha Chapter. We discuss the same topics and have the same loyalty and pride in Daughters of the American Revolution as do all members of the different groups.

This organization was not brought about because of dissension among the regular members nor was it a withdrawal of a few members who were eager for leadership in a smaller group.

Mrs. Seig, Regent of Omaha Chapter, found when phoning members listed in the year book that she received such answers as "Sorry, I can not attend, I am a business woman", or "Very sorry, but I can not serve efficiently on any committee since I can not attend your afternoon meetings and know nothing of work being done". After hearing many similar excuses from those who had belonged to The Omaha Chapter from two to more than twenty years and had never attended a meeting, she became busy in the interest of "these forgotten women".

As a result of consultation with her own officers, as well as with the State and National officers, The Business and Professional Group of The Omaha Chapter was organized in the Fall of 1944 with Mrs. C. T. Edee as our first Chairman.

We have the same officers as any group, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairmen of Membership and Program Committees and an Advisory Committee made up of:

1. The retiring Regent of Omaha Chapter.
2. The retiring Chairman of the Business Group.
3. The chairman of one of the head Committees of the Omaha Chapter.

Our business meetings have been held once each month after we have enjoyed a six o'clock dinner at a down town hotel. Miss Rogers our Secretary and Treasurer with the help of Mrs. Hartwell has never failed to furnish us exquisite and appropriate table decorations, which add a festive feeling to our meetings.

Mrs. Seig met with us regularly for two years and now Mrs. Gruenig, our present Regent, along with our Advisory Committee meet with us and report to us the new and vital business transacted at the meetings of the main group. They also read letters received from the State and National officers and help us in every way possible.

During this year, we have found Mrs. Gruenig a real friend and a capable executive under whose leadership we have felt a greater urge to grow.

During the last year most of our members have bought and studied the Handbook Annual of The National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution and our programs have followed suggestions made in the National Daughters of the American Revolution Manual.

Just recently, Mrs. Brainard, a member of the Approved Schools Committee in the main group, read to us an unusually interesting paper on "Approved Schools." We have also enjoyed many other excellent and informative papers on the following subjects: "Valley Forge," "Conservation," "Americanism" and other topics suggested in the National Daughters of the American Revolution magazine.

Mrs. Seig and Miss Rogers, Delegates to the Daughters of the American Revolution Conference at Atlantic City last year,

brought back word that our Business and Professional Group of Daughters of the American Revolution was the only existing group of its kind in the Daughters of the American Revolution chapters of the nation but that the Organizing Secretary General urged all chapters, where the need was felt, to organize a similar group.

Mrs. Seig, because of her untiring efforts and constant encouragement of our wavering spirits, brought us to the close of our first two years and now Mrs. Gruenig,

our present Regent, has taken up the work.

Both have been not only our superior officers but true friends. Under such leadership and with our own capable officers I feel that The Business and Professional Group will grow in membership and participate when possible in all Civic problems, thus learning to become better citizens.

MISS JOSEPHINE COPELAND,
Chairman Business Professional
D. A. R. of Omaha Chapter.

Nassau Chapter, Camden, N. J., Golden Anniversary

AT a luncheon in the Junior Ballroom, Walt Whitman Hotel, Camden, New Jersey, on November 19, 1946, Nassau Chapter, Camden, New Jersey, celebrated its Golden Anniversary. Mrs. Carlos Allen, the Regent, presided. The Guests of Honor were Mrs. C. Edward Murray, 2nd Vice-President General, Mrs. Raymond Goodfellow, Organizing Secretary General, Mrs. Edward F. Randolph, State Regent, of New Jersey, New Jersey State Officers and Regents of Neighboring Chapters.

The Regent, Mrs. Carlos B. Allen, wore a most becoming gown of gold, the Guest corsages were Golden roses; it was a very happy affair. Nassau Chapter was organized fifty years ago by Mrs. Aaron Ogden Dayton, being named for the Dutch Fort Nassau, built by Captain Bevvies, near the mouth of Little Timber Creek. The Historian gave a brief History of the Chapter, and at the request of Mrs. Allen introduced Dora Adele Shoemaker, who wrote "Out

O' Doors." She read several of her poems, gave some of the monologues for which she is noted, but the poem *Good Morning God*, left an indelible memory.

Nassau Chapter has a C.A.R. Society and a Junior Group, both organized by Mrs. Carl A. Schafer. The C.A.R. Lenni Lenape Society, now under leadership of Mrs. William Gotshalk, was organized April 14, 1927. The Junior Group "graduates," mostly of Lenni Lenape Society, is under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Harry Lorusso, the first Junior president of Lenni Lenape Society.

It was fitting that the luncheon was given in the Junior Ballroom of the Walt Whitman where, for many years, the Birthday luncheons of Nassau Chapter have been held, with Mrs. Carl A. Schafer as Chairwoman of Luncheon Committee.

KATHARINE EDITH MACGEORGE,
Historian, Nassau Chapter.

50th Birthday Party of Martha Pitkin Chapter, Ohio, April 11, 1947

WITH individual birthday cakes, with a gold 50 for each member and guest, Martha Pitkin Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with a luncheon at the Business Women's Club.

Mrs. L. S. Hill, Regent, opened the meeting with the singing of America and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mrs. Martha Grulich, accompanied on the piano by her daughter, Barbara, sang a Group of Early American and Gay-Ninety Songs. These included "Silver Threads Among the Gold," "Moonlight Bay" and "Merry Olds-

mobile." Both Mrs. Grulich and Barbara were dressed in costumes appropriate to the time of the founding of the chapter. Mrs. Adam Lutz gave the Invocation and read a special poem prepared by Mrs. H. D. Wright.

Mrs. James E. Melville, Honorary Regent, and the only one of the Charter members present, gave the History of Martha Pitkin Chapter from 1897 to 1922. The first 25 years. Mrs. Fannie Moss was the original organizer and it was in her home that early meetings were held. Her home today is the Business Women's Club.

It was she who named the chapter "Martha Pitkin," in honor of the wife of one of her ancestors, Col. Simon Wolcott. In 1907 there were 78 members of the chapter and it was in this year that Mrs. Moss passed away. A C.A.R. was organized in 1905 for the children of the members, and two of these children are now members, Dr. Marjorie Anderson and Mrs. H. D. Wright. The site of Ft. Sandusky was marked with a tablet by the chapter, and during World War I a night school was started for the foreign born.

Mrs. E. W. Altstaetter read the history of the chapter from 1922-1947, the second 25 years, prepared by Mrs. George Feick. Help was given for those people studying to become American citizens, and Mrs. Ross Cherry and Mrs. George Doerzbach were instrumental in marking historical graves. Twenty-one graves in Erie County were marked with Government stones. Fourteen graves marked by Martha Pitkin Chapter. Seven graves marked by Delery Portage Chapter of men killed in 1812. In 1937 a tablet was placed in the City Park to mark the founding of the City of Sandusky in 1824.

Mrs. James B. Patton, State Regent of Ohio, was the honored guest and gave the main address. Surely, Mrs. Patton's charming personality and her gracious ways lent much to the occasion. She congratulated the chapter on its birthday and

told how Martha Pitkin was one of the earliest groups to be formed in all the national organization. She suggested that children and grandchildren of members be enrolled in the C.A.R. and told of the 30 committees who all will work together for a post-war world. The ideals of the society have been for the Home, God, and Country, and in war and peace these fundamental beliefs have stood the test of time. What we need today is "imagination" and the "enthusiasm" to carry out our plans. To most of the members DAR means "Service," Mrs. Patton said, and that each of us must try to know, study, and understand the problems of today. She concluded with the thought that we, in seeking security, must have faith now in our Statesmen and each of us try to help them to find a better world.

Mrs. James Melville then unveiled the tablet which will be placed in the Business Women's Club commemorative of the founding of the Chapter there on April 29, 1897.

Miss Esther Davis was in charge of Arrangements, assisted by Mrs. Irma Roberts and Miss Lucile L. Hutson.

Surely the 14 founders of Martha Pitkin Chapter would have been proud of the women who gathered to remember them in the founding of the chapter—fifty years ago.

PATRICIA WATKINS LAY.

John Hart Chapter, Elkins, W. Va.

THE John Hart Chapter of Elkins, W. Va., observed its 40th anniversary on Wednesday evening, March 19th, with a dinner at the Elkins Country Club. Fifty-eight members were present. Five of the sixteen charter members were guests of honor. The other three living members were unable to attend.

Sharing with the honored guests, were Mrs. Chalmers B. Gibbens, past president general of the Daughters of the American Pioneers; Mrs. James L. Thornton, a daughter of the organizing regent of John Hart Chapter; and Miss Mary Katharine Barnes, Regent of the John Minear Chapter of Philippi, W. Va., the state's baby chapter.

Mrs. George H. Coffman, the Regent, presided at the dinner. Following the opening prayer, given by Mrs. Boyd Wees, Miss Hallie Martin, State Treasurer and

member of the Program Committee of the John Hart Chapter, introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. H. J. Smith, of Parkersburg, State Regent-elect, who spoke on the projects of the national and state society.

An interesting history of the organization and the first 20 years of the chapter, written by Mrs. E. D. Talbott, the chapter's first Registrar, was read by Mrs. Reginald Sibbald.

The name, "John Hart" was chosen because ten of the 16 charter members were descendants of John Hart, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

The charter members living are: Mrs. H. G. Kump, Mrs. E. D. Talbott, Mrs. James A. Bent, Mrs. B. M. Hoover, Mrs. C. W. Harding, Mrs. E. O. Fling, Mrs. Barton Jones and Miss Hannah Hart Butcher.

Mrs. Percy Paugh, program chairman, presented Miss Desales Purkey, a talented soprano, who, accompanied by Mrs. James Condry, pianist, sang the "Kashmiri Song," "My Johanna" and "Love Was Once A Little Boy."

The dinner was served at a "U" shaped table decorated in red, white and blue. The speaker's table was centered with red

carnations in a silver bowl, and white tapers were used in silver holders.

At the close of this delightful affair, Miss Hallie Martin entertained several members and guests in her home, Mrs. Smith being the guest of honor.

MRS. PERCY PAUGH,
Program Chairman.

Arthur Barrett Chapter, Kansas

THE one hundredth Anniversary of the historic site of Alcove Spring and the passing of the ill-fated Donner party through Kansas, was commemorated by the Arthur Barrett Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Marysville, Kansas, on Sunday, May 26, 1946. The Chapter members, their families, Girl Scout troops and a large assembly of interested citizens took part in the day's program.

Alcove Spring was a favorite camping place of the thousands traveling the old Oregon Trail. Among the famous who visited the site was John C. Fremont, explorer, Kit Carson, scout, and their party, who are known to have stayed a week at the spring in 1842. In late May, 1846, the Donner party camped in the vicinity, while building rafts to ferry their wagons across the flood-swollen Blue river. Mrs. Sarah Keyes, oldest member of the Donner party, died on May 29, 1846, and was buried near the Trail.

The Spring is located a few miles south of Marysville, near the old Independence crossing. The site is in a beautiful glen,

half hidden by the shade of trees as it gushes from the hillside. The water is pure and cold. The spring has never been known to run dry.

The day's program was planned by the Arthur Barrett Chapter to commemorate the visit of the early travelers and to pay tribute to the spirit of the pioneers who blazed the trail for the generations to follow. Lt. Colonel R. M. Montgomery, acting as Master of Ceremonies, read the history of the Chapter. High tribute was paid the memory of the late John G. Ellenbecker, author and teacher, who pioneered the movement to establish the Alcove Spring area as an historic shrine.

The history of the Donner party was related; their experiences in passing through Kansas; their meeting with disaster and death in the snows of the Sierra Nevada mountains.

The day's program was concluded with an appropriate ritual by the Regent, Mrs. John Berry, Blue Rapids, and Chaplain, Miss Mabel Montgomery, Marysville. Girl Scouts acted as guides during the day.

A Colorado D. A. R.

IN every group working together in a common cause there are those whom nature has endowed with wide sympathy, unselfish helpfulness and a talent for hard work. Of such a nature was Gertrude Cleveland McCarty of Denver Chapter.

Her Revolutionary ancestor, Ezra Cleveland, fought with the Massachusetts troops and was one of the early settlers of Worthington, Massachusetts. She was a member of a distinguished family. Love of Country to her was as natural as breathing.

Her qualities of leadership were recognized in her selection as Chapter Regent. She brought to this responsible office seasoned judgment and wise direction. To

these were added a cheerful acceptance of duty that was contagious.

We who knew and loved her pay tribute to her devotion to her family. To her husband and sons she leaves an inheritance that is beyond price. She spent long months of suffering in a hospital. It was a privilege to go into that room, see her smile, and receive her joyous welcome.

The members of Denver Chapter, as a token of their love for her, are placing two vestibule lights in the Auditorium-Gymnasium at Tamasee. She was keenly interested in this School and its welfare.

"May Light perpetual shine upon her."

SARDIE E. BOYD.

Bonny Kate Chapter, Tennessee

SITE OF THE
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COL. DAVID HENLEY
AGENT OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT,
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JAN. 11-FEB. 6, 1796

MARKER ERECTED
BY
THE TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION
AND
BONNY KATE CHAPTER, D. A. R.
1946

A BRONZE MARKER bearing the above inscription was placed upon the Knaffl building on the southwest corner of Gay Street and Church Avenue in Knoxville, Tennessee, to mark the site of David Henley's office where the First Constitutional Convention of the State was held January 11-February 6, 1796. The dedication service held February 6, 1947, commemorated the beginning of the State and was the last event celebrating the Sesquicentennial of

Tennessee. The unveiling, planned for December, was unavoidably delayed. The ceremonies, beginning in the First Presbyterian church, opened with "America" led by the Knoxville High School Band. The invocation was offered by Rev. Julian Spitzer, assistant pastor of the church. William Broome, a descendant of John Adair, a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, led in the pledge to the flag and the band played the national anthem. Mrs. Neal B. Spahr, Regent of Bonny Kate Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, directed the program, gave a brief address and introduced the speaker, Mr. E. E. Patton, a member of the Tennessee Historical Commission, who gave a history of "Tennessee's First Constitutional Convention." On the street the marker was unveiled by Miss Peggy McMillan, a descendant of James White and Charles McClung, members of the First Constitutional Convention.

Mrs. Spahr presented the memorial tablet which was accepted for the State by Mr. William H. Eagle, state Supreme Court clerk, acting for Governor McCord.

Acquackanonk Chapter

WASHINGTON may have slept in all the places that boast his housing but Arthur J. O'Dea, secretary of the Bergen County Historical Society, is convinced he never slept a wink in Bergen County, New Jersey.

Mr. O'Dea spoke on "Washington in Bergen County" at a guest meeting of Acquackanonk Landing Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held at the home of Mrs. Reginald H. Morgan, 159 Passaic Avenue, Passaic, N. J., on February 26th, 1947.

Washington's strategic 80-mile retreat from Fort Lee to the Delaware was a major phase of the whole Revolutionary War, Mr. O'Dea said.

The war would have been lost at New Bridge had the British known the terrain as well as Washington. Leading his men from Fort Lee to Hackensack before the oncoming British soldiers, on November 20, 1776, was the keystone to the success of the Revolution. The Bergen County Historical Society would have this day commemorated as Liberty Day. Had this "lucky pass" (as it

was referred to in Washington's own writings) not been effected there never would have been a crossing of the Delaware.

This retreat should go down in history as the "cradle of American liberty," and the Closter farmer, who warned of the impending arrival of the British troops, should have his place alongside Paul Revere because the fate of the country depended on the Closterman's ride. Mr. O'Dea would perpetuate this scene for posterity—Washington crossing at New Bridge with his bedraggled army of men, among them, Thomas Jefferson, John Marshall, James Monroe and Thomas Paine—alongside the painting of the Crossing of the Delaware.

New Jersey and the role it played in the Revolution has been forgotten in the last century but in the last couple of decades an attempt has been made to right this wrong. Professor London, of Princeton, in his "Cockpit of the Revolution" shows New Jersey as the battleground on which liberty was won.

Mr. O'Dea showed photostatic copies of the maps made by the "forgotten" General

Erskine, whose topography markings are so accurate they may be clocked today on an automobile speedometer.

Maps of the planned invasion of Bergen County by the British done by General Clinton, topographer for the British troops, were found as recently as 1926 in a rubbish barrel in an old house in New York State. Several were unidentified, including the Bergen invasion map.

A business meeting preceded Mr. O'Dea's address at which the National and State Officers told of the work being done by the society throughout the country.

Mrs. Timothy C. Lucas, Regent of the Hostess Chapter, welcomed among the guests Mrs. Raymond C. Goodfellow, Organizing Secretary General. State officers included Mrs. Edward F. Randolph, New

Jersey State Regent; Mrs. Palmer Way, Vice Regent; Mrs. Frederick Griswold, Recording Secretary; Mrs. H. Curtiss Pascall, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Ralph Greenlaw, Registrar; and Mrs. George W. Waterhouse, Librarian.

Among the state committee chairmen present were Mrs. Irving Plant, Americanism Chairman; Miss Margaret Grumbein, Chairman of the Correct Use of the Flag; and Mrs. Alice Throckmorton, Chairman of Ellis Island work.

Guest regents included Miss Elizabeth Morrell, Claverack Chapter, Clifton; Mrs. O. T. Somerville, Rutherford Chapter; Mrs. Dallas Townsend, Eagle Rock Chapter, Montclair; Mrs. William Moody, Major Joseph Bloomfield Chapter, Bloomfield; and Mrs. Howard Du Bois, Red Mill Chapter, Maywood.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Observed

FRESNO CHAPTER, DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, Fresno, California, celebrated its Silver Anniversary with a Musical Tea at the Parlor Lecture Club House on March 23, 1947. Past Regents Mrs. Henry J. King, Mrs. Sterling Price Keithly, Mrs. Irene T. Brown, Mrs. George Reasor and Mrs. Oliver J. Howard were in the receiving line. Present officers, Mrs. J. Roy Weirick, Mrs. J. L. Englert, Mrs. Joel A. Carlson, Mrs. Frank R. Madson, Mrs. Vernon W. Underwood and Mrs. P. C. Church assisted in serving and Mrs. Nelle D. Osborne, the Organizing Regent and Mrs. Thomas P. Butler, present Regent, poured tea.

The two-hour musical program consisted of a ten-piece orchestra and voice solos by Mrs. Florence Connor, Mrs. Frances Olson and Miss Ardell Potter accompanied by Miss Margaret Richert. Also piano numbers by Mrs. Frank R. Madson, Miss Emilie Berry and Miss Steger.

Spring flowers and lighted taper candles made a beautiful setting for the affair, which was arranged by Mrs. Percy C.

Church and Mrs. Nelle D. Osborne. The Tea Table was attractively decorated with burning white tapers in Silver holders, with a center piece of Calla lilies tinted in pastel shades.

At the regular monthly meeting in March, with Mrs. Emma Williams, Mrs. E. P. Bates, Mrs. Clara B. Harcourt, Misses Still and Berry as hostesses, the Charter Members, Mesdames Weirick, Keithly, King, Harcourt, Smith and Platts, were honored. Mrs. Osborne, first Regent of of the Chapter, had the honor of cutting the beautifully decorated birthday cake.

At the Arbor Day program, under the direction of Mrs. Kenneth O'Brien, chairman of the Conservation Committee, trees were planted in the Daughters of the American Revolution plot in Rooding Park and one tree was dedicated in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Chapter.

MABEL BEECHAM KEITHLY
(Mrs. Sterling Price Keithly),
Past Regent.



State Gatherings

OHIO

THE 48th Annual State Conference of the Ohio Daughters of the American Revolution was held March 12-14 at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus. Mrs. James B. Patton, State Regent, who presided at all the meetings called the conference to order following the colorful processional of State and National officers, State and National Chairmen escorted by pages bearing colonial, state and national flags. Spring flowers and ferns were used in platform decoration. Distinguished guests present were: Mrs. William A. Becker, Honorary President General and National Chairman National Defense Committee; Mrs. Van Court Carwithen, National Chairman Approved Schools Committee; Mrs. Edwin S. Lambers, National Chairman Junior American Citizens; Mrs. Chester F. Miller, State Regent of Michigan; Mrs. Millard T. Sisler, State Regent of West Virginia; Mrs. Furel Burns of Indiana; Miss Mary H. North, National Chairman Helen Pouch Scholarship Fund, Honorary State Regents of Ohio Mrs. Herbert Backus, Mrs. Asa C. Messenger, Mrs. John S. Heaume and Mrs. James F. Donahue.

Scripture and prayer by Mrs. Charles A. Dorn, State Chaplain, were followed by patriotic ritual led by Mrs. Dwight C. Allison and Mrs. Frank O. McMillen, State Vice Regent. The National Anthem by the assemblage led by Mrs. William G. Wandel, accompanied by Miss Winifred Rader, state chairman of music, who was pianist at all meetings.

Mrs. William E. Byers, Regent of Columbus Chapter, extended a cordial welcome from the hostess chapter to which Mrs. Asa C. Messenger, Honorary State Regent, responded. Greetings from distinguished guests present followed greetings from the Ohio Society of the Children of the American Revolution by State President, Mrs. Ernest W. Shaw. A telegram was received from Mrs. John Logan Marshall, First Vice President General.

Mrs. Ion J. Cortright, State Recording Secretary, had charge of the minutes of 1946 Conference. Standing rules were read

by Mrs. A. M. Davidson, State Chairman of Resolutions. Reports from the following state officers were given:—

State Vice Regent—Mrs. F. O. McMillen, State Chaplain—Mrs. Charles A. Dorn, State Recording Secretary—Mrs. Ion Cortright, State Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Charles W. Wendelken, State Treasurer—Mrs. Earl B. Padgett, State Historian—Miss Waive B. Ripple, State Registrar—Mrs. Harry C. Ackerman, State Librarian—Mrs. Loren E. Souers, State Regent—Mrs. James B. Patton.

"What Conservation Can Mean to Ohio" was the topic of the address by Dr. Jonathan Forman, which followed the report of Mrs. Ralph Miller, State Chairman of Conservation.

Five Ohio District Directors gave their yearly reports as follows: Director Southeast District, Mrs. Fred D. Coulson; Director Southwest District, Mrs. William P. McCulloch, whose report was read by Mrs. John S. Heaume; Director Central District, Mrs. William H. Adams; Director Northwest District, Mrs. Eldred W. Eastell; Director Northeast District, Mrs. Edwin M. Fuller.

Music by assemblage was led by Mrs. Raymond E. Spence. A report of Credential Committee was given by Mrs. George A. Robinson. Nominations for new state officers were made, followed by statement from Miss Amanda Thomas, Chairman of Tellers.

The highlight of the Wednesday afternoon meeting was the reception and beautiful tea given in the Sapphire Room when more than four hundred Daughters of the American Revolution were guests of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The Assembly Call that evening was played by the Brass and Percussion Ensemble, Linden-McKinley High School for the beautiful processional escorted by pages in charge of Miss Helene Fish. The invocation was given by Dr. Raymond L. Bailey. Mrs. Wilbur C. Dyer led in singing the National Anthem which followed the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Elmer A. Keller, Director of Public Service, extended a cordial welcome from the City of Columbus to which Mrs. Herbert Backus, Honorary State Regent, re-

sponded. Greetings from the Sons of the American Revolution were extended by Mr. Charles A. Jones of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter and were followed by greetings from distinguished guests.

Mr. Kenneth R. Keller, a noted tenor, accompanied by Marguerite Heer Andrews, sang a group of songs.

Mrs. Eagleton F. Dunn, Co-Chairman, presented the six winners in this year's "Good Citizenship Pilgrimage Contest". They are: Miss Joanna May Orland, Jonathan Dayton Chapter, who will receive the trip to Washington, D. C.; Delores Lubell, Ursula Wolcott and Fort Industry Chapters; Kathryn Anne Blayney, Piqua Chapter; Florence Weishampel, Fort McArthur Chapter; Estelle Polevoi, Akron, Cuyahoga-Portage and Cuyahoga Falls Chapters and Virginia Anderson, Old Northwest Chapter. The State Regent, Mrs. James B. Patton, presented each with a Good Citizenship Pin.

A highlight of the conference was the splendid address given by Mrs. William A. Becker, Honorary President General, on the subject "The Spirit of America."

The meeting closed with Mrs. Wilbur C. Dyer singing the Ohio Daughters of the American Revolution prize song, "Ohio, We Hail You Proudly".

The Memorial service Thursday morning was in charge of Mrs. Charles A. Dorn, State Chaplain.

Thursday morning Mrs. Edwin S. Lambers told of the splendid work being accomplished by chapters over the country in the work of the Junior American Citizens. That afternoon Mrs. Van Court Carwithen addressed the Conference on the subject "Approved Schools." Mrs. Carwithen told in a realistic manner of the work accomplished in each of the schools in which we are interested as a National Society.

The Conference Dinner Thursday evening was followed by special music featuring the North High School Boy Ensemble and vocal selections by Mrs. Inez Woods O'Brien. "World Affairs from the American Viewpoint" was the subject of a fine address by Mr. Philip Cummings of Vermont, an S. A. R. who has spent fourteen years in Europe.

The following newly-elected officers were named and introduced:

State Regent—Mrs. F. O. McMillen.

State Vice Regent—Mrs. Earl B. Padgett.

State Chaplain—Mrs. C. W. Wendelken.
State Recording Secretary—Mrs. Charles A. Longstreet.

State Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Ralph O. Whitaker.

State Treasurer—Mrs. M. H. Bixler.

State Historian—Mrs. W. H. Adams.

State Registrar—Mrs. E. W. Eastell.

State Librarian—Mrs. C. A. Baker.

District Director—Northwest—Mrs. Paul Cline.

District Director — Northeast — Mrs. Dwight Allison.

District Director—Southeast—Mrs. G. R. Grimsley.

District Director — Southwest — Miss Charlene Mark.

District Director—Central—Mrs. Wilbur C. Dyer.

The Indian Breakfast was held Friday morning with Mrs. J. E. Kinney presiding.

Ohio Daughters of the American Revolution are honoring their beloved State Regent, Mrs. James B. Patton, by placing her name on the special list in the Memorial Bell Tower. A large chart of the Valley Forge Bell Tower contributions from Ohio chapters was on display.

The Conference adjourned with singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and the retiring of the colors.

MISS WAIVE B. RIPPLE,
State Historian.

MONTANA

THE Forty-fourth State Conference of the Montana Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was held March 26, 27, 28 in the Residence Hall, College Campus at Dillon, Montana, with Beaverhead Chapter as hostess.

Delegates and members were entertained at a reception in the beautiful home of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Stephan on Wednesday evening. It was a rare pleasure to be entertained in this home of gracious beauty and charm.

The formal opening of the Conference was Thursday morning at 9:00 o'clock. The Program was dedicated to Silver Bow Chapter, Butte, who will celebrate her fiftieth anniversary December 21, 1947.

Sam Davis, bugler, sounded "Assembly." After Processional, Mrs. A. G. Middleton,

Havre, State Regent, declared the Conference in session. The Rev. Lewis D. Smith, rector of St. James Episcopal Church, gave the Invocation. "The Pledge of Allegiance" and "The American Creed," led by Mrs. Frank Porter, Helena, State Chairman of Correct Use of the Flag, were given. The assembly then sang the "Star Spangled Banner."

The address of welcome was given by Mr. Rush Jordan, President of Montana State Normal College. The response prepared by Mrs. Thomas E. Luebben, Dillon, State Vice-Regent, was read. The State Regent, Mrs. Middleton, next presented the State Officers. Greetings were read from Mrs. L. S. Siniff, State President of C. A. R.

Following the report of the State Officers, Mrs. J. Fred Woodside, Dillon, State Chairman of the Good Citizenship Pilgrimage Committee, conducted the drawing of the Pilgrim girl, and announced the capsule drawn from the bowl by Miss Evelyn Kvale of Malta 1946 Pilgrim girl guest, contained the name of the winner Louise Tannehill of Billings.

Memorial services for deceased members were most impressive and beautiful. White candles set in crystal candelabrum were flanked before baskets of flowers, and as each name of departed members was called by Mrs. O. H. Sollien, Havre, State Secretary, the Chapter Regent responded by giving brief record before lighting a candle in her memory. The service included the call to remembrance, Mrs. Middleton; vocal solo, "The Lord's Prayer," Dr. W. H. Stephan with Mrs. A. I. Cashmore as accompanist; scripture and prayer, Miss Jean Bishop, Dillon, State Chaplain; vocal solo "Ave Maria," Miss Patricia McFadden with Fred Honeychurch as accompanist; roll call, Mrs. Sollien, State Secretary; benediction, Miss Bishop; recessional, Mrs. Cashmore.

The luncheon was served at noon in the College dining room with college girls acting as hostesses at tables seating six guests each. Mrs. Francis S. Adams, Anaconda, Past State Regent, delivered an address on "The Vision and America."

State Officers and State Chairmen reports were continued in the afternoon.

The banquet, beautiful in every detail, was an anniversary party in honor of Silver Bow Chapter, Butte, and was held in St. James guild hall. Miss Bishop, State

Chaplain, offered grace. Mrs. Lewis D. Smith, hostess chapter regent, was toast-mistress. Mrs. Woodside introduced Pilgrim and Good Citizenship girls who were guests for the banquet.

Mr. Dougan C. H. Luebben extended greetings from the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

A most inspiring address by the State Regent, Mrs. Middleton, on "Our Opportunity," awakened each member to her responsibility and opportunity.

The State Regent's Breakfast with State Officers, Regents, and Vice-Regents present was Friday morning at 7:30 o'clock in the college dining room.

The general assembly was again called to order Friday morning at 9:00 o'clock. After advancing the colors, devotionals were conducted by Miss Bishop. Minutes were read and committee reports given, followed by election of officers. Mrs. Middleton then introduced the elected officers to the assembly which were installed by the State Chaplain. They are:

Mrs. A. G. Middleton, Havre, Regent.

Mrs. C. S. Passmore, Butte, Honorary Regent.

Mrs. T. E. Luebben, Dillon, Vice-Regent.

Mrs. O. H. Sollien, Havre, Secretary.

Mrs. J. H. Morrow, Moore, Treasurer.

Mrs. J. W. Stevens, Missoula, Registrar.

Mrs. N. D. McCroskey, Anaconda, Historian.

Mrs. C. C. Shively, Bozeman, Librarian.

Mrs. Douglas Wilson, Great Falls, Chaplain.

The Conference heartily endorsed Mrs. Leo C. Graybill, Great Falls, Past State Regent, for the office of Vice-President General of the National Society.

Registered were 72 delegates and members.

February 1, 1947 there were 653 members in Montana.

We welcome Absaroka Chapter, Hardin, newly organized into Daughters of the American Revolution. The total number of Chapters in Montana now is thirteen.

After final reading of the minutes the assembly sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." The colors were retired, retreat sounded, and the 44th Annual State Conference was closed.

All Chapters worked earnestly thruout the year and endeavored to make this

another outstanding year of accomplishments for Montana Daughters.

The Conference learned with sorrow of the death of the mother of Mrs. T. E. Luebben, State Vice-Regent, who was away at the time of the State meeting.

FLORENCE WOLFE McCROSKEY
(Mrs. N. D. McCroskey),
State Historian.

KANSAS

THE 49th Annual State Conference of the Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution was held March 25, 26, 27th at Lora Locke Hotel, Dodge City, Kansas with Mrs. Roy Valentine Shrewder, Ashland, presiding. Dodge City Chapter, Mrs. R. W. Evans, Regent, Byrd Prewett Chapter, Ulysses, Mrs. Ralph W. Winsted, Regent, and Fort Supply Trail Chapter, Ashland (Mrs. Shrewder's home chapter) were hostess chapters. Distinguished guests attending the conference were Mrs. John Logan Marshall, First Vice President General; Mrs. Van Court Carwithen, National Chairman of Approved Schools Committee; Mrs. Edwin Stanton Lammers, National Chairman of Junior American Citizens Committee; Mrs. James Cook Suttie, State Regent of Nebraska; Mrs. Lewis L. Snow, State Regent of Oklahoma; Miss Catherine Campbell and Mrs. John Warren Kirkpatrick, Honorary State Regents of Kansas. All state officers were present with the exception of Mrs. John W. Dixon, State Historian, who was unable to be present because of illness. Absent also because of illness was Mrs. Alexander J. Berger, Honorary State Regent and a member of Valley Forge Committee. This was the first State Conference Mrs. Berger has not attended in many years and she was missed greatly. The State Board and State Chairmen met with Mrs. Shrewder Tuesday morning. Tuesday noon the hostess chapters gave a courtesy luncheon for distinguished guests and State Officers. The opening processional was at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist Church. National and State Officers and guests were escorted to the platform by pages in white, bearing Old Glory and Conference flags. Mrs. Shrewder, State Regent, called the 49th Conference to order. The invocation was given by Miss Stella B. Haines, State

Chaplain. The pledge of allegiance to the Flag was led by Mrs. Vernon E. McArthur, National Vice Chairman of Correct Use of Flag. The American's Creed was led by Mrs. Patricia Solander, State Parliamentarian. Mrs. J. C. Denious, General Conference Chairman, brought greetings as did Mr. S. E. Drehmer, President of Dodge City Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Garland P. Ferrell, State Vice Regent, gave the response. The State Regent introduced the regents of the hostess chapters, distinguished platform guests; and State Officers. Mrs. Davis S. Jackman, State President of Kansas Society Children of the American Revolution, introduced the members of the Coronado Society C.A.R. who presented a flag pageant.

The main address of the meeting was given by Rev. Robert H. Mize, Jr., director of St. Francis Boys' Home at Ellsworth, Kansas. He spoke of the work of the home in helping wayward boys, and thanked Kansas Daughters of the American Revolution Society for its help and interest. Tuesday evening the Regents' Dinner was held in the ballroom of the Lora Locke Hotel. Fort Supply Trail Chapter was hostess and Mrs. J. E. Humphreys, Regent, presided. Very fine music was given by Dodge City and Ashland artists. Following the introduction of guests and greetings Chapter Regents gave their reports. This was the first time a special dinner and meeting for Chapter Regents had been held and it proved to be most successful. More Chapter Regents were present than for many years and their reports showed the splendid work done by the Kansas Chapters during the year. A reception was held both evenings of the Conference on the Mezzanine of the Hotel following the banquets.

The Wednesday morning meeting was given over to reports of State Officers, National Chairmen and Vice Chairmen, and State Chairmen. Girl Home Maker awards were announced by Mrs. Frank Williams, Chairman. Doris Lembright, of Dodge City, was winner of the cotton dress contest and JoAnne Wolgast, of Marysville, was winner of the State Officers' Scholarship given each year to an outstanding high school senior girl who plans to specialize in home economics in college. Mrs. W. M. Ostenberg, State Chairman of Approved Schools, announced that Kansas daughters

had given \$2560 to Approved Schools this year. Announcement was made that to Esther Lowrey Chapter, Independence, goes the honor of being the only chapter West of the Mississippi River entitled to place the name of an Honorary President General at Valley Forge—that of Mrs. George Thacher Guernsey.

Byrd Prewett Chapter, Mrs. Ralph W. Winsted presiding, was hostess for the Educational Projects Luncheon, Wednesday noon at the Presbyterian Church. Addresses were made by Mrs. Edwin Stanton Lammers, National Chairman, Junior American Citizens Committee and Mrs. Van Court Carwithen, National Chairman, Approved Schools Committee. They spoke of the work of their committees and brought to us facts, figures and details which were most educational and helpful. At this time pledges were made by Kansas Chapters and individuals for the purchase of auditorium seats for Tamassee. Following the luncheon a most impressive Memorial Service with beautiful music was held in the church sanctuary for the 48 Kansas Daughters who had passed away during the year. Mrs. Shrewder was assisted in this service by Miss Stella B. Haines, State Chaplain, and Rev. James H. Williams, minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Dodge City. A tour of Dodge City and a visit to Beeson Museum followed the Memorial Hour.

The highlight of the Conference was the banquet Wednesday evening honoring Mrs. John Logan Marshall who gave a most inspiring address "Let's Shake Hands With Our Ideals." Mrs. Marshall urged better housing conditions for the youth of America and said that unless patriotic organizations such as ours can keep the American way of life as our forefathers had dreamed and planned, the fate of the United States and of the World is at stake. She expressed apprehension as to Communistic and Socialistic influences at work in America to undermine our homes and our Government.

The Dodge City Chapter, with Mrs. R. W. Evans, Regent, presiding, was hostess for the banquet. Many beautiful decorations and floral pieces added to the enjoyment of the Conference.

Thursday morning the State Officers' Club held its annual breakfast. Mrs. W. H. McCamish, First Vice President,

presided, and she was elected President for the coming year. Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Lammers and Mrs. Carwithen were guests at the breakfast.

The closing meeting of the Conference was a business session on Thursday morning. Reports of State Chairmen were finished and various awards were made to chapters. Dana Chapter received 1st prize for largest per cent in membership gain; Kanza was second and Susannah French Putney Chapter was third. Kansas had a net gain in membership of 168 members for the year—just 17 short of the goal set—3000.

Final reports of the Credentials and Resolutions Committees were made and accepted. The most important order of new business was the adoption of the revised Kansas By-Laws. Mrs. Loran E. Rex, Wichita, Past Chaplain General, Honorary Kansas State Regent and present National Chairman of American Indians Committee was endorsed by the Conference for the office of Vice President General of National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution. Wichita was chosen Conference city for 1948. The Conference ended Thursday noon with the same keynote of harmony and enthusiasm with which it began. With the retiring of the colors the 1947 Kansas State Conference stood adjourned.

HELEN L. WEILEPP
(Mrs. G. D. Weilepp),
State Reporter.

KENTUCKY

KENTUCKY'S Fifty-First Annual State Conference was held in Frankfort March 12, 13, and 14th, at the Old State House, and this occasion will be one that will long be remembered. Hallowed by the memories of Kentucky's past, the setting was ideal. The very spirit of her illustrious men and women seemed to hover over the assembly and to impart a challenge to Kentucky Daughters to build, to achieve, to preserve that which makes a nation great.

The well selected programs for each meeting of the Conference reflected much thought and preparation. Artists in the field of music presented many beautiful and appropriate selections. Addresses that were given were timely and instructive. Reports of State Officers and Chairmen

showed a year spent in diligent work which resulted in great achievements. On Regent's Night prizes were given for the best reports from Chapters. First prize went to Colonel George Nichols Chapter of Mt. Sterling. Second prize to Samuel Davies Chapter of Bowling Green, and Honorable Mention to the two new Chapters, Captain Stephen Ashby of Madisonville and Captain Jacob Van Meter of Elizabethtown. The three newly organized chapters entered into all activities in an enthusiastic way. A skit by the State Officers lent gaiety to the evening and allowed lay members entrance behind the scenes of the working force of the State Board. Mrs. W. P. Drake, State Vice Regent, presided at this function. Of much interest was the Chapter Scrap Book Show held at the Conference and a prize for the best Chapter Scrap Book and one for the best County Historical map were presented by the State Historian, Mrs. Curtis M. McGee, the former going to the Fincastle Chapter, Louisville, and the latter to Frankfort Chapter, Frankfort.

The one hundred and three Girl Pilgrims were brought to Frankfort on a sight-seeing tour and were guests of the State Regent, Mrs. Hugh Russell, for luncheon.

Of especial interest was the beautiful Tea at the Executive Mansion where the Kentucky Society were guests of Mrs. Simeon Willis, wife of the Governor of Kentucky, and the two Frankfort Chapters. The Page's Ball was also held at the Mansion and was a scene of beauty and will go down in the annals of Daughters of the American Revolution history as one of the most brilliant social affairs ever held.

The Director of the State Division of Forestry gave a most inspiring address on "Kentucky Forests—Kentucky Women."

The Kentucky Honor Roll, containing the War Service Records of three hundred and eighty-five sons and daughters of the members of the Kentucky Society, was formally presented by the State Historian, who compiled it.

Many cash gifts were made to Duncan Tavern, State Shrine of the Kentucky Society, and a handsome pair of silver Sheffield candelabra were presented to the Tavern in honor of the valiant services of the State Regent, Mrs. Hugh L. Russell.

The Conference closed with the Annual Banquet, with Governor Simeon Willis as

the guest speaker for this occasion.

NORA DIXON MCGEE
(Mrs. Curtis M. McGee),
State Historian.

TENNESSEE

THE Forty-second State Conference of the Tennessee Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was held Wednesday, March 5th, through Friday, March 7th, 1947 in the Hotel Peabody, Memphis, Tennessee. The Regent Mrs. Cyrus Griffin Martin, presided at all meetings of the conference.

Chickasaw District chapters served as hostesses for the conference. The chapters are: Adam Dale, Clement Scott, Colonel Joseph Hardin, Commodore Perry, David Craig, Elizabeth Marshall Martin, Fort Assumption, Hermitage, Jackson-Madison, John McCall, Key Corner, Reelfoot, Watauga, and Zachariah Davies.

The conference opened Wednesday evening. Mrs. Cyrus Griffin Martin, State Regent, presided. An address was given by General Ben Lear, United States Army, Retired. His subject was "Daughters of the American Revolution in National Defense." Distinguished guests were presented to the conference after General Lear's address.

Thursday morning, after an "Education Breakfast," the conference assembled for the transaction of business, the reading of officers' reports, committee reports, etc.

At noon the annual memorial service was held. It was dedicated to the late State Regent, Mrs. Albert Lyons Craig, who died in office. Another Daughters of the American Revolution leader who passed away during the year was Mrs. Flora Myers Gillelentine, a past State regent and a National Officer.

Mrs. McCord, wife of Governor McCord, presided at the drawing, for the Good Citizenship award to a Tennessee school girl, which took place Thursday afternoon.

Friday morning the election of officers took place, resulting in the election of Mrs. Thomas F. Hudson, Memphis, Regent; Mrs. J. T. Bosman, Nashville, Vice Regent; Mrs. James F. Chase, Memphis, Chaplain; Mrs. C. E. Campbell, Jackson, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Ewell T. Weakley, Dyers-

burg, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. L. E. Deakins, Johnson City, Treasurer; Mrs. Alvin Johnson, Gainsboro, Registrar; Mrs. J. W. E. Moore, Nashville, Historian; Mrs. Charles Wayland, Knoxville, Librarian.

Important resolutions passed by the conference included one regarding Juvenile Delinquency, one condemning some types of movies which the Conference regarded as bad influence for young people; and one recommending that more historical and educational films be shown.

Resolutions were also introduced and adopted sponsoring the Tribute Grove project; individual cooperation with the Red Cross; indorsing the National Society's stand for limited immigration; recommending Chapter study of United Nations and World Organization; and approving the type of military training advocated by General Lear in his address to the conference; and a resolution urging the passage of a bill in the State Legislature to provide room in the new library building for the State Conference.

A program of social events included a breakfast given by the Zachariah Davies Chapter. The regent, Mrs. Martin, entertained at luncheon for members of the board, chairmen, National officers and other distinguished guests. A tea at the Pink Palace, a dinner for the State Officers Club, and a reception in the Hotel Peabody completed the list of social events.

COLORADO

MRS. CHARLES CROCKETT, of Pueblo, was elected State Regent for Colorado, at the final session of the state conference held in Colorado Springs, March 10-12. Other officers elected were: Mrs. Leigh B. Putnam, Vice-Regent, Denver; Mrs. W. Barrie Huston, Recording Secretary, Denver; Mrs. Warder Lee Braerton, Treasurer, Denver; Miss Hazel McFarland, Corresponding Secretary, Pueblo; Mrs. Merton W. Bogart, Auditor, Colorado Springs; Mrs. Elmore Peterson, Consulting Registrar, Boulder; Miss Dorothy Buren, Historian, Colorado Springs; Mrs. Ira Ellis, Librarian, Greelev; and Mrs. Charles E. Parker, Chaplain, of Delta, Colo.

Mrs. Crockett succeeds Mrs. Roy D. Lee, of Denver, as Regent.

National officers attending the conference were: Mrs. John Logan Marshall, of Washington, D. C., and Clemson College, S. C., First Vice President General; Mrs. Charles C. Haig, of Washington, D. C., Treasurer General; Mrs. Edwin Stanton Lammers, of Dallas, Tex., National Chairman of Junior American Citizens; and Mrs. Howard A. Latting, of Colorado Springs, National Vice President General.

Highlight of the Conference was an address by Judge Philip B. Gilliam, of the Juvenile and Family Court, Denver. Judge Gilliam spoke following a formal dinner held in the Green Room of the Broadmoor Hotel. the opening evening of the conference.

Mr. Benjamin C. Hilliard, Jr., Denver attorney, and Commander of the American Legion for the state of Colorado, addressed the Daughters at the National Defense Luncheon the second day of the conference. His subject was "Peace or War." Judge Hilliard ably presented the thought that the United States is now at a crossroads and must choose between preparedness or destruction. Brig. Gen. Harry P. Sherman, Commanding General of Camp Carson, Colorado Springs; and Col. Nelson P. Jackson, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Fifteenth Air Force, which has headquarters in Colorado Springs, were among guests at this luncheon.

Hostess chapters for the Forty-fourth Annual State Conference, Colorado Chapters, Daughters of the American Revolution were: Gunnison Valley, Mount Garfield, Arapahoe, Zebulon Pike and Kinnikinnik Chapters.

CONNECTICUT

THE Fifty-fourth State Conference of the Connecticut Daughters of the American Revolution was held in Center Church, New Haven, Thursday, March 20th, 1947 by invitation of the Mary Clap Wooster Chapter.

After the Processional which included the National and State Officers, State Chairmen. Ushers and Pages, the Conference was called to order by the State Regent, Mrs. Arthue B. Iffland, followed by the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the singing of The Star Spangled Banner.

The welcome from the City of New

Haven was given by Hon. William C. Celentano, Mayor, and from the Hostess Chapter by Mrs. Daniel H. Gladding, Regent, to which the State Regent responded most graciously.

Greetings were brought by Mrs. Grace L. H. Brosseau, Honorary President General, Miss Mary C. Welch and Miss Emeline A. Street, both Past Vice-Presidents General from Connecticut.

Inspiring reports were given by the State Officers and State Chairmen; Mrs. Charles W. Hill, Consulting Registrar, stated that Phoebe Humphrey Chapter, of Collinsville, had won first award in the membership contest and Eunie Dennie Burr Chapter, of Fairfield, second prize. The State Historian, Mrs. Herbert O. Warner, said that Connecticut's quota had more than been completed for the memorial window in the Valley Forge Memorial Bell Tower and that a block had been subscribed for each and every one of our State Regents and for the two Presidents General from Connecticut.

Mrs. Robert A. Alvord, Vice-chairman of the Good Citizenship Pilgrimage Committee, presented Miss Estelle M. Malley, the winner of the pilgrimage.

The following officers were elected at this time:

State Consulting Registrar for 3 years: Mrs. Sherman A. Jenne.

State Historian for 3 years: Mrs. Maxwell H. Mernstein.

State Librarian for 3 years: Mrs. Helen B. Storm.

Councilors for 3 years: Miss Emeline A. Street, Mrs. George A. Latimer, Mrs. Harry F. Atwood, Mrs. Herbert O. Warner.

After the adjournment of the Conference a very delightful Tea was given by the Hostess Chapter at the Center Church House.

IDA I. POOLEY,
State Recording Secretary.

ALABAMA

THE Forty-ninth Annual State Conference of the Alabama Daughters of the American Revolution was held in the Thomas Jefferson Hotel, Birmingham, March 11, 12, 13. The customary processional of Pages, carrying the flags of the Country, State and Society, escorted

State and National officers, visiting State Regents and guests to the platform at eight P. M. In her usual able and gracious manner, Mrs. Henry Grady Jacobs, State Regent, presided and declared the Conference in session. Mrs. A. W. Vaughan, State Chaplain, gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Mrs. Walter Huston, Chairman Correct Use of the Flag and the American's Creed, led by Mrs. J. H. Lane, Honorary State Regent.

A welcome from the eight hostess chapters, General Sumpter, John Park Custis, Jones Valley, Old Elyton, Picket, Princess Sehoy, William Spear and Cahawba, was graciously extended by Mrs. Smith W. Fallow, who served as general chairman of the Conference.

A welcome from the city of Birmingham was given by Mr. J. W. Morgan. The response was given by Mrs. T. H. Napier, Honorary State Regent and Vice President General. Representatives of the following Patriotic Societies were introduced and brought greetings: Mrs. J. C. Bonner, State Regent of Daughters of the American Colonists; Mrs. Victor Randolph, Division President of Daughters of the Confederacy; Mr. Morrison Thomas, American Legion, and Mrs. E. B. Ran, American Legion Auxiliary. The Good Citizenship Girl, Miss Sara Jean Luncford, was also presented.

Distinguished guests presented by the State Regent included Mrs. Stanley Thorpe Manlove, Recording Secretary General; Mrs. Walter S. Welch, State Regent of Mississippi; Mrs. Cyrus L. Martin, State Regent, Tennessee and Mrs. Thomas H. Napier, Vice-President General from Alabama. The guest speaker of the evening, Judge Emmett Perry of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, was presented by Mrs. E. A. Richey, program chairman. Judge Perry, who gave a splendid address on "Building for Liberty," stated that men through the ages have fought to acquire freedom, but women have worked to retain that freedom. Commending the Daughters of the American Revolution for its patriotic work he declared, "This nation is proud of the nearly 200,000 loyal members who are intensely American at a time when America needs women and men to stand proudly under the American Flag, look back over our history and then move forward."

An informal reception followed the eve-

ning meeting. Preceding the opening meeting, the annual banquet of the Alabama Officers Club was given.

The business meeting on Wednesday morning included an interesting address on the Kate Duncan Smith School by the principal, Mr. John P. Tyson. The speaker outlined a three-point program for the mountain children who attend the school. Mrs. Stanley Thorpe Manlove reported on activities of the Society during the War, stating that the National Society had given more than \$4,000,000 to the Red Cross, and had contributed 6,500,000 hours in service.

An impressive memorial service was held at the noon hour, honoring the twenty-five members who had passed away.

A special tribute was given to Miss Helen M. Gaines, State Vice Regent who had passed away, by Mrs. R. T. Comer and Mrs. Val Taylor, Honorary Life Regent, paid a tribute to Mr. Samuel L. Earle, also deceased, who had long been Executive Secretary for Kate Duncan Smith School Board.

The afternoon program included reports of state officers, awarding of Magazine and membership prizes and presentation of the C.A.R. Societies by Mrs. H. L. Jackson, State President.

The State Regent's report showed the past year to have been a busy and successful one. An Alabama Official News Sheet, edited by the State Chairman of Press Relations, Mrs. L. C. McCrary, has been a new feature of state work. The inspiring reports of Chapter Regents on Wednesday night were full of enthusiasm and great accomplishments in all phases of the work of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The final meeting on Thursday morning was devoted to the consummation of final business, delivery of state chairmen's reports and the passing of several resolutions. Mrs. T. L. Moore was elected first Vice-Regent to succeed Miss Helen Gaines.

Mixed with the serious business of the Conference was delightful music by Birmingham artists and the enjoyable social events gave an opportunity for visiting and the renewal of friendships.

The Conference was brought to a close by the singing of "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" and the retiring of the Colors.

AGNES W. MCCONDY,
State Historian.

MASSACHUSETTS

THE 53rd State Conference of the Massachusetts Daughters of the American Revolution was held March 27th and 28th in the Copley Plaza, Boston, with Mrs. Herbert Eugene McQuesten, State Regent, presiding. Out-of-state guests included Mrs. John T. Gardner, National Chairman, Daughters American Revolution Good Citizenship Pilgrimage Committee; Mrs. Howard B. Gorham, State Regent, Rhode Island; Mrs. Roy E. Heywood, State Regent, Maine and Mrs. Arthur F. Iffland, State Regent, Connecticut.

The invocation was pronounced by the Reverend H. Robert Smith, D. D., Associate Rector, Emmanuel Church, Boston. The assemblage was led in singing the national anthem by Mme. Rosa Zulalian, soprano, who has led many large national conventions in so doing.

The outstanding speaker of the morning was His Excellency, Robert Fiske Bradford, Governor of the Commonwealth, who later received at the State House the Good Citizens in attendance.

The city of Boston was represented by George J. Curley, son of His Honor, the Mayor and the State Department of Education, by John J. Desmond, Jr., Commissioner of Education.

Mrs. George C. Proctor, State Chairman of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Pilgrimage Committee, reported 199 Good Citizens selected by their respective high schools with 162 Good Citizens present at the Conference.

The privilege of addressing the Good Citizens was allotted Mrs. Russell William Magna Honorary President General, through whose efforts the project was adopted by the National Society in 1934. Greetings were also brought by Mrs. John T. Gardner, National Chairman.

With bated breath the assemblage watched the drawing of the winner's name by Miss Eleanor Flaherty, 1946 Massachusetts' Pilgrim, now attending Trinity College, Washington, D. C. Miss Flaherty came by plane in order to participate.

First honor went to Miss Gwendolyn Gaylord, South Hadley High School, sponsored by Dolly Woodbridge Chapter. Her two alternates proved to be Miss Margaret

Leach, sponsored by Margery Morton Chapter, Athol and Miss Barbara Ann Johnson, sponsored by Committee of Safety Chapter, Winchester.

Nominations of candidates for office were then in order. Mrs. Herbert Eugene McQuesten, State Regent, was nominated and later duly endorsed for the office of Vice President General. The following members were nominated and later duly elected to state office: Mrs. Warren S. Currier, Regent; Mrs. Alfred Williams, Vice Regent; Mrs. G. Loring Briggs, Chaplain; Mrs. Alfred N. Graham, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Terry Shuman, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Frank S. Larkin, Treasurer; Mrs. Seth Sprague, Asst. Treasurer; Mrs. Max Lederer, Registrar; Mrs. George C. Proctor, Librarian and Mrs. William H. Long, Curator.

Reports by State Officers and State Chairmen were given during the afternoon. The outstanding report given by the Chairman of Membership Committee, Mrs. Herman F. Robinson, proved to be the report of a net gain in membership for the third successive year with a total membership on February 5 of 5,995 members.

Speakers included Philip K. Allen, Senator, 4th Essex District, who spoke on "America's Challenge, 1947" and Mrs. James B. Campbell who presented "Plans for the Children's Medical Center, Boston," a subject of state and national interest.

"Massachusetts' Official Family, Past, Present and Future" were introduced at the banquet. A film entitled "Fighting for Peace" loaned by the U. S. Army was then shown with explanatory remarks by Mr. Arthur L. Williston, Massachusetts' Committee for Universal Military Training.

The morning speaker was Mrs. William H. Keller, Samuel Adams Chapter, Methuen. Her subject was "The Shrine of Valley Forge."

According to custom, the retiring State Regent was elected an Honorary State Regent and a resolution to sponsor the "Save the Red Woods" project as a part of the Massachusetts' Conservation Program, was adopted.

The final report of the Committee on Credentials revealed a total registration of 839. The colors were retired and the 53rd State Conference was adjourned.

MRS. HEBBERT E. MCQUESTEN,
State Regent.

NEW JERSEY

THE Annual State Conference of the New Jersey Daughters of the American Revolution was held in the State House Assembly Chamber on March 13th and 14th.

In a setting of palms and spring flowers, Mrs. Edward F. Randolph, State Regent, called the conference to order. The meeting opened with a Scripture reading by the State Chaplain, Mrs. William C. Hoffman, and the invocation given by The Very Reverend Frederic M. Adams, Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Trenton. Miss Edna A. Hazleton, of Great John Mathis Chapter recited a beautiful original Tribute to the Flag. Miss Margaret D. Grumbine, State Chairman, Correct Use of the Flag, led in The Pledge of Allegiance and the American's Creed, with Mrs. Caroline DePeyster Burger at the piano for the singing of the National Anthem.

A cordial welcome was extended to the Society by the General Chairman, Mrs. Archibald C. Forman, and the reports of the Credentials Committee and Standing Rules Committee were given.

Mrs. Randolph responded graciously, and presented the guests of honor, Mrs. C. Edward Murray, Second Vice-President General; Mrs. Raymond C. Goodfellow, Organizing Secretary General; Mrs. J. Warren Perkins, Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Benjamin R. Williams, State Regent of Pennsylvania; Mrs. Preston B. Wilkes, Jr., Honorary State Regent of North Carolina; Mrs. Vincent W. Koch, Honorary State Regent of Wisconsin, and the ranking officers of other organizations.

Greetings were extended to the conference by his Excellency, the Honorable Alfred E. Driscoll, Governor of New Jersey.

Beside the Governor on the rostrum an antique pewter dish held the names of this year's Good Citizens. The Governor was asked to draw a name, and the girl so chosen became our 1947 Pilgrim. The name of Patty Penry, sponsored by Scotch Plains Chapter, was drawn, and Patty, nearly overwhelmed by the honor that befell her, became our Daughters of the American Revolution State Pilgrim.

Mrs. Randolph then greeted personally the 67 Good Citizens, and as each girl gave her name and sponsoring chapter she received her Good Citizenship pin from Mrs.

Randolph with the usual ceremony.

Following outstanding reports of the State Officers, the State Chaplain conducted a beautiful memorial service for those who had passed away during the year. As the names were read memorial candles were lighted by the pages, and an appropriate solo was sung by Miss Elva Kellsall. Taps by the Sergeant Bugler concluded the service and the morning meeting.

The afternoon meeting opened with The Hymn of Patriotism for All Creeds, followed by interesting reports of State Chairmen of National Committees. A high-light of the meeting was the thrilling address, "Things that happen in the Air", by Captain Robert F. Dawson, United Air Lines pilot, stressing an experience in carrying supplies to The Aleutians during the war.

Mrs. Arthur E. Kittredge, Chairman of Girl Home Makers Committee, announced that the \$200.00 scholarship had been awarded to Miss Margaret Nemec of Fort Lee High School. The winners in the cotton dress contest were presented, the girls modelling their dresses.

The State dinner was held in the ballroom of the Stacy-Trent Hotel. National and State Officers and Guests of Honor received before dinner, and were graciously presented by the State Regent before the evening's program. Judge Harold B. Wells of the New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals was a forceful speaker, and Neure Jorjian a pleasing soloist.

Friday morning a breakfast arranged by Mrs. Ralph T. Stevens, Chairman of Approved Schools, featured speakers from three schools.

At the morning meeting Mr. John P. Tyson, Principal, Kate Duncan Smith School, very ably outlined the work that is being done by our school for pupils and community.

The business of giving reports continued through Friday. Added interest was given to the meeting by the opening exercises of a model J. A. C. meeting given by the John Hart Club of Hopewell.

At the close of the afternoon meeting, Mrs. Matthew L. Kyle, Chairman of Elections, reported the following State Officers elected:

Mrs. Edward F. Randolph, Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Palmer M. Way, State Regent; Mrs. Ralph W. Greenlaw, State Vice-Regent; Mrs. Frederick M. Rosseland,

Chaplain; Mrs. Arthur E. Kittredge, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Thomas E. Reeves, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. George B. Gallien, Treasurer; Mrs. Stephen A. Beers, Registrar; Mrs. Theodore Fisher, Historian and Mrs. Paul G. Duryea, Librarian.

The conference ended with singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds", and the retiring of the colors.

An informal reception for the newly elected officers followed.

MARION BOYNTON MCGINNIS,
State Historian.

MAINE

THE forty-ninth State Conference of the Maine Daughters of the American Revolution was held in Bangor, March 18-19, 1947. The hostess chapter was Frances Dighton Williams.

The opening meeting was held on the evening of March 18. It was preceded in the afternoon by a meeting of the executive board. The Past State Officers Club held a Dutch Treat dinner at 6:15 P. M. and proceeded to business immediately following the dinner. Mrs. Roy E. Heywood, State Regent, called the meeting to order. She presided in her usual charming manner. Welcome from the Regent of the hostess chapter, Mrs. E. H. Kingsbury was followed by a welcome to Bangor by City Manager, Mr. Horace S. Estey and response was given by Mrs. James Perkins, State Vice Regent. Mrs. Heywood had the honor of presenting Mrs. John Logan Marshall, 1st Vice President General, who brought greetings from the National Society and she won the hearts of all by her charming and gracious southern manner. Mrs. Leroy Hussey, Vice President General, from Augusta, Maine, was also present and she emphasized the cooperation between National and State Daughters of the American Revolution work. Dean Glenn Kendall was the principal speaker at the opening meeting taking as his subject "Education for Citizenship of the Foreign Born." Miss Laura Carpenter, State President of the Maine Society, Children of the American Revolution, spoke of the work of her organization, stressing the making of fine citizens. A reception followed immediately after the meeting in the vestry

of the Hammond Street Congregational Church, where all the business meetings were held.

The second day of the Conference opened Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock with Mrs. Roy Heywood, State Regent, presiding. The highlight of the morning meeting was the drawing for the "Good Citizenship" candidate award.

Miss Jean Flaherty of Brewer was chosen. She was sponsored by Frances Dighton Williams chapter of Bangor. Miss Marilyn Dunlap of Norridgewock was chosen first alternate and was sponsored by Colonial Daughters chapter of Farmington. Miss Rosa Durgan of Waterboro and sponsored by Benepeag chapter of Sanford, was chosen second alternate. Mrs. Marshall drew the names for the candidates.

Prizes were awarded for the largest increase in membership during the year. Ruth Heald Cragin chapter of North Anson was first and Eunice Farnsworth chapter of Skowhegan was second. The prize for the best chapter scrap-book went to Frances Dighton Williams chapter, Miss Grace Fiske, historian. The remainder of the morning was devoted to giving reports of the State officers. The report of the State Regent clearly outlined the huge amount of work that goes with that office. She recorded a very busy year. She received 1565 letters and wrote nearly 2000 and traveled 8360 miles.

After the luncheon recess the reports of Chapters by their Regents and nomination of State officers were held. Only three State officers were elected at this time. Mrs. Otto Larson of Waterville, State Recording Secretary; Mrs. Ernest Spence, Sanford, State Historian; and Mrs. Charles Demers of Waterville, Custodian.

The retiring of the colors brought this 49th State Conference to a close. The Memorial Service followed with a beautiful Memorial Tribute to Maine Daughters of the American Revolution who have entered life eternal. After the white candles were lighted, white carnations were placed on a green leaf background forming a beautiful white cross of flowers. This was an impressive service.

The Annual banquet brought to a close this two day session and was held at the Penobscot Exchange Hotel at 6:45 P. M. Places were set for 119 members and guests. Mrs. Kingsbury, Regent of the

Hostess Chapter, was toastmaster. She introduced the guest speakers, the chief speaker being Mrs. John Logan Marshall, 1st Vice President General. Her subject was "Shake hands with your ideals" and in part said "present them to this restless world; cherish them as a worthy inheritance and a solemn responsibility—go put your creed into your deed." This seemed an excellent conclusion for a wonderful conference. The State Regent, Mrs. Roy Heywood and her committee worked many long hours on the details of the conference that everything might run smoothly and to them we give a great deal of credit for its success.

MRS. ERNEST I. SPENCE,
State Historian.

NEBRASKA

ON March 19, 20, 21, Nebraska Daughters held their state conference this year in the city of Scottsbluff in the extreme western part of the state. District II was hostess. District II is composed of chapters at Alliance, Crawford, Gordon, Hyannis and Scottsbluff.

This year was set aside as Golden Jubilee year by our State Regent, Mrs. J. C. Suttie, of Omaha. The theme was carried out from the time of registration when each registrant received a golden-covered program to the climax of the gold and white banquet held Thursday evening at Roosevelt school.

On the first day of conference, our special guest was our Treasurer-General, Mrs. Charles Carroll Haig. Mrs. Haig spoke at the Wednesday evening meeting, and delighted the assembly by singing at the informal reception following.

Other honored guests, Mrs. Reuben Knight, National President of C. A. R., and Mrs. Arno Bald, Vice President General, were in attendance. From our neighboring states of Kansas and Wyoming came their charming State Regents, Mrs. Ray Valentine Shrewder and Mrs. Lee C. Stoddard.

Coming as a surprise and highlighting Wednesday afternoon's meeting was the announcement by Mrs. Jane Robertson Wright, Natl. Vice Chr. of J. A. C., of a gift of a \$250.00 wall section for the

Memorial Bell Tower, Valley Forge—this gift to perpetuate the name of the S. S. Beatrice Victory, a ship that Mrs. Wright was chosen to christen in California on Dec. 27, 1945, when she was Regent of Elizabeth Montague Chapter at Beatrice.

Toastmistresses at the banquet were Mrs. Reuben Knight and Mrs. Horace Jackson Cary—both past State Regents. They gave a resume of Nebraska's fifty years of Daughters of the American Revolution. Present also at the banquet was Mrs. E. W. Byer, Regent of the Philippine Islands Chapter. Mrs. Byer told of the territorial chapter's work and also of her experiences while interned in Santo Thomas during the war.

Friday was Youth Day. The Rythm Band, representing C. A. R., the Cotton Dress Parade of the Girl Homemakers, and the prize winning essay read by our Good Citizenship Pilgrim Doris Fry were all worthy of mention, and formed a fitting and inspiring note on which to bring our Golden Jubilee Conference to a close.

LUCY E. VENABLE

(Mrs. W. P.),

State Recording Secretary.

ARIZONA

ON Friday, the eighteenth of April, 1947, the Arizona Daughters of the American Revolution gathered in the historic old town of Prescott for their forty-fifth annual conference. Headquarters were established in the Hassayampa Hotel but the business sessions were held in the Sharlot Hall Museum located on the grounds where the first capitol of Arizona once stood and where the old governor's log mansion still stands. The General George Crook Chapter was hostess to the Conference and though a small chapter they had arranged several delightful social affairs, including a breakfast for the ex-State Regents, a luncheon for the Board of Management and a dinner and a luncheon for the entire assembly.

The Conference opened at 1:45 P. M. with the Conference musician, Mrs. Harold Greene, playing the processional march as the pages led the officers to their seats on the rostrum. Mrs. Joseph L. B. Alexander, State Regent, then called the Conference to order. After the usual opening

procedure, addresses of welcome were given by Mr. Charles McDaniel for the city of Prescott and Mrs. Charles Franklin Parker, Regent of the hostess chapter. Mrs. Chester S. McMartin, ex-Vice-President General, gave the response to Mrs. Parker's welcome, using an original poem expressing her pleasure at meeting again in Prescott. Reports of state officers were then heard, followed by vocal selections by Mrs. Scott Yates. The keynote address of the Conference was given by the Rev. Charles Franklin Parker, pastor of the Congregational Church, whose subject was "The Individual's Responsibility to the World." He stressed the point that women of today belong to so many organizations they forget they have an individual responsibility to society and to the world and are content to follow along with the group.

The afternoon session closed with a memorial service for the seven members who had passed away since the last conference. Candles were lighted for each departed member and a short obituary read. One candle was lighted for Rosalie Allen Moore, a much beloved former State Regent.

A delicious dinner was served in the Ball Room of the Hassayampa Hotel, at which time Arizona's pilgrim, Miss Cortez Carpenter, was presented to the assembly. Following the dinner a program of violin and vocal music was given by three charming high school girls and a delightful dramatic reading from "Little Journeys into America" was given by Mrs. Stewart Duncan, dressed in Colonial costume.

On Saturday morning, April 19th, the State Regent gave a fifteen-minute radio address, taking as her subject "Patriots' Day." Following this the Conference reconvened and after the opening ritual, reports of chapter regents and state chairmen were heard. At the conclusion of the report of Mrs. Robert Kemp Minson, state chairman of the Good Citizenship Pilgrimage Committee, she called upon the Arizona pilgrim, Miss Cortez Carpenter, who gave a reading from "The Snow Goose." Miss Carpenter is a very talented young girl and the assembly was much pleased with her reading.

The committee for a memorial in the Chapel of Meditation at Arizona State College in Tempe reported a pew had been purchased in honor of Mrs. Edward J.

Roth, ex-State Regent, whose home is in Tempe.

A report on the Valley Forge Memorial Bell Tower showed a total of \$1,063.45 had been contributed by the seven chapters of the state. Of this amount \$250 was given for a memorial wall section in honor of the battleship *U. S. S. Arizona*, and \$250 for a memorial floor section honoring the Arizona Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution.

The name of the State Regent, Mrs. Joseph L. B. Alexander, was proposed as a candidate for Vice-President General in the 1948 election. A ballot was taken which gave Mrs. Alexander the endorsement of the Conference.

The invitation to meet next year at Flagstaff, with the Coconino Chapter as hostess, was accepted by the assembly and the Conference was then declared adjourned.

GLADYS BONWELL OLNEY,
State Chairman Press Relations.

WYOMING

THE Thirty-second Annual State Conference of Wyoming Daughters of the American Revolution was held in the Sheridan Woman's Club House March 24-25-26, with Mrs. Lee C. Stoddard, State Regent, presiding.

The hostess, Sheridan Chapter, entertained the Conference most generously. The customary processional of pages carrying our National and State flags escorted the State Officers, National Officers, Honorary State Regents and guests to the platform, at 10 A. M., and the State Regent declared the Conference in session.

Mrs. L. S. Fuller, State Chaplain, gave the invocation. This was followed by the assembly giving the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, repeating the American's Creed and singing one verse of the National Anthem. A beautiful hand-made Flag, over 150 years old, having 32 stars, was displayed throughout the Conference.

Mrs. Raymond Stevens, Regent of the hostess chapter, and the Rev. Donald Smith extended warm words of welcome.

Mrs. Frederic Hultz, First State Vice Regent, graciously responded.

Beautiful music by the High School Girls' Sextette followed the introduction of guests. The musicians who made enjoyable contributions throughout the meetings were Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Hughes, and Mrs. Hutton. Flowers in abundance made a most beautiful stage setting.

The reports of the State Regent, State Officers, State Chairmen and Chapter Regents showed that a splendid amount of valuable work had been accomplished during the year.

The picture, *The Restoration of Williamsburg*, was presented the first day of the Conference thru the courtesy of Ex-Governor Miller, a member of the S.A.R.

A most delicious tea given at the Girls Home completed the first day's meeting. That evening a delightful banquet was held at the old historic Sheridan Inn. Music was furnished by Mr. Leland Burchett, baritone, and Mrs. Hutton. The Sheridan Good Citizenship Pilgrim Janie Franklin, who won third place, was presented.

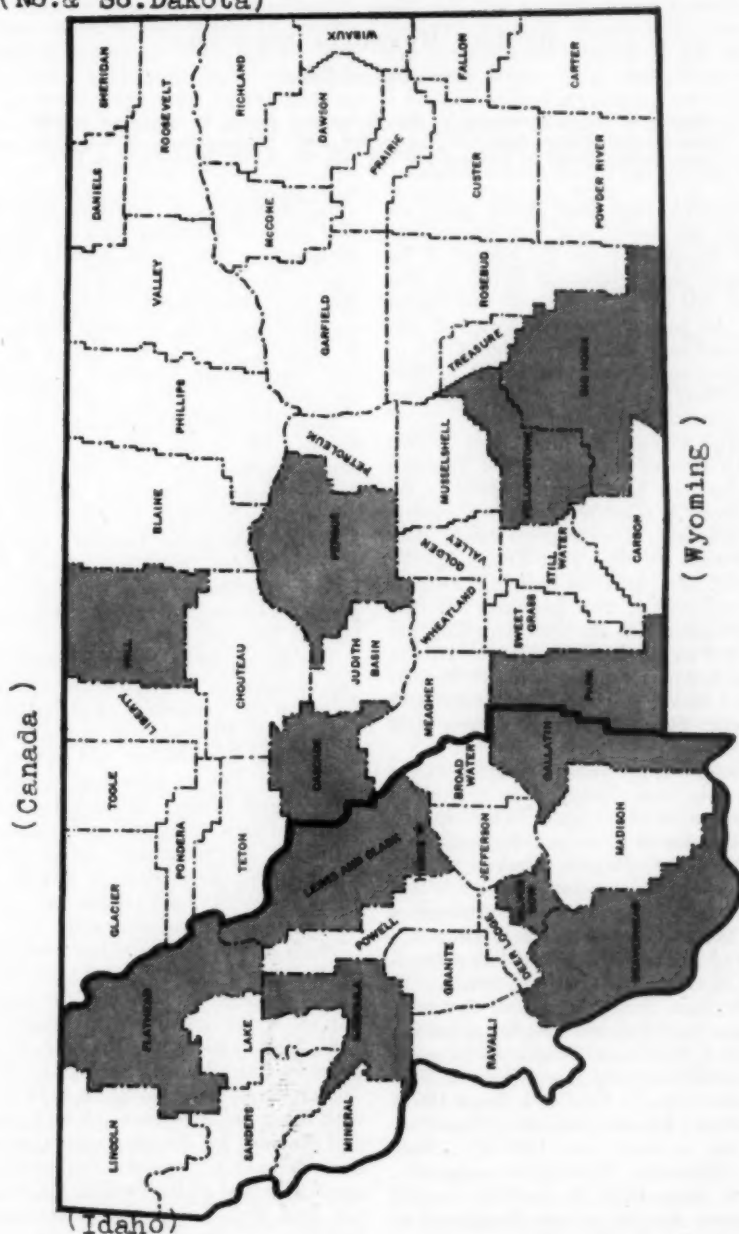
The speaker of the evening, Mr. Bernard Thomas, artist, presented a never to be forgotten illustrated lecture from his sketchbook, on "A GI Looks at Europe." He brought the battle fields, the destruction and the ravages of war vividly to our minds.

The remaining days of Conference completed all reports and business. A memorial honoring our deceased daughters was held at the last meeting. After the retiring of the colors and adjournment, Sheridan Chapter was hostess to all members and guests at a delicious luncheon. This was followed by an instructive trip thru the Veterans' Administration Hospital at Fort Mackenzie.

After the trip to Fort Mackenzie, Mrs. L. S. Fuller entertained informally at tea at her home, which is furnished with so many articles of our forefathers' times. Rarely is one permitted to enjoy so many antiques even in a museum. The pre-Revolutionary furniture, the chest of silver made by Paul Revere and his father, the old glass, many unusual pictures and the hand-carved furniture, made one feel the atmosphere of Revolutionary times. This was a fitting close to a happy and successful Conference.

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MONTANA



Counties in which we have D. A. R. Chapters: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Cascade, Fergus, Flathead, Gallatin, Hill, Lewis & Clarke, Missoula, Park, Silver Bow, Yellowstone (12 chapters).

Genealogical Department

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MONTANA map and sketch takes us into the newer and less known sections of the country yet the history of its exploration and settlement equals in importance that of any section of the United States. Its human interest stories of adventure and sacrifice, success and failure in the institution of law and order in that vast territory are productive fields for future writers of fact and fiction.

Montana exceeds by more than 22,000 acres the area of the whole New England States plus New York and New Jersey. Its early history is filled with thrilling experiences common to those western states. The establishment of the Fur Trade in the Northwest, the explorations of Lewis & Clark and others, the founding of religious Missions and the ever-impelling desire to find an overland route to the Pacific are foundations for many a future historical novel which will rival in interest and importance those of Irving, Cooper and others of our Nation's best.

Montana, first under Spanish then French rule, was included in the early organization of the United States successively as a part of Louisiana, Indiana, Missouri, Nebraska, Dakota, Oregon, Washington and Idaho territories.

Among its more than 100 Governors were William C. C. Claiborne, Governor General of Louisiana in 1803; Amos Stoddard, Governor of Upper Louisiana in 1804; William Henry Harrison, Governor of Indiana Territory and District of Louisiana; James Wilkinson, Governor of Louisiana Territory 1805-7; Joseph Brown 1807 (for a short time); Frederick Bates 1807; Merriwether Lewis 1807-08; Frederick Bates (for a short time 1809-10); Benjamin Howard 1810-12 (resigned); Frederick Bates 1812-13. In 1834 by Act of Congress, the region was designated as "Indian County." The Mississippi River Valley was called by the French "The Nile of America" and just that it may yet become in fact!

In 1848 Oregon Territory included all that part of Montana west of the Rocky Mountains. The organization of Washington Territory in 1854 threw western Montana within that territory leaving eastern Montana in the Nebraska Territory and J. Sterling Morton, the Father of Arbor Day, was acting Governor General until the creation of Dakota Territory in 1854.

In 1858 Senator Douglas of Illinois introduced a bill in Congress to create several new territories. In 1861 Dakota Territory included eastern Montana and that land ceased to be Nebraska Territory. On March 3, 1861 a new Idaho Territory was created out of eastern Washington and western Dakota Territories and the Act creating Montana Territory was signed by President Lincoln May 26, 1864.

The difficulties presented by these numerous changes in boundaries are most confusing to the researcher. For instance, the town site of Missoula was in the territories of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, while the site of Helena once lay in Nebraska, Dakota and Idaho. It must be borne in mind that these changes were brought about primarily by the people living in those localities, so the records of any or all of those territories and states are possible sources of information sought.

Much of this confusion has been covered by the excellent publications of the Historical Society of Montana, the organization of which was held on February 25, 1865 in Virginia City, Montana, called to order by Chief Justice Hezekiah L. Hosmer. The articles of incorporation were adopted with the usual provisions of such societies and provided for the admission as members those persons who resided in this territory, upon approval of the membership committee, and thus began the preservation of historic and genealogical records some 23 years before Montana became a state on November 8, 1889.

Volume 1 of these Historical Society of

Montana was published in 1876 and these to 1940 are on file in our D. A. R. library.

Unusual attempts are made to secure first hand information from diaries and personal interviews with those who followed the trails worn deep by the buffalo and by friendly Indians. It is very noticeable that in early days the attitude of the Indian was friendly and helpful although he must have known that the advancement of the "Pale Face" meant the eventual obliteration of his people.

Volume III page 175 states, "The lives of Captain Bonneville, the explorer, and of James Bridgers, the scout, strongly remind the members of the Montana State Historical Society of the supreme importance of placing on record before they are forever lost all the great unrecorded events that make up the Pioneer history of the Rocky Mountain States."

Washington Irving took Bonneville's journeys and made a charming book out of them but how greatly we would prize the original work of Bonneville himself, just as we now prize the pages of Lewis and Clark.

James Bridger was the Daniel Boone of the Rocky Mountains. He appears as a central figure of important historical events running through a half-century period. He was born in Richmond, Virginia, in 1804, died in Washington, Jackson County, Missouri, in 1881.

"In the Rocky Mountains is yet the real West unconquerable and unchangeable. * * * I can see once more the muddy Platte, the dark fantastic erosion of Scotts Bluffs and I ride again with the Old Scout through the broad expanse of the South Pass of the Rockies." (William S. Brackett.)

Such is the history contained in these Historical Society Publications of Montana's historical events, not mere skeleton of statistics but accounts of real people, their fortunes and their frailties. These may well serve as valuable Chapter programs rather than "Studies in Italian Art" or similar extraneous subjects that are found in D. A. R. Yearbooks.

The Society of Montana Pioneers was organized to include all pioneer citizens of Montana who resided within its limits at the date of the creation of the Territory May 26, 1864.

Each county, with an excellent map, is

listed with date of establishment, county seat, and the records of the arrival of the pioneer, the state in which he was born and the route he traveled to the then unchartered plain. For example—page 45:

William Albert Armitage, son of Joshua and Martha (Nenette) Armitage, born Galena, Illinois, September 4, 1859.

Edward Smith Ball, born Boston, Massachusetts, June 30, 1834.

George Frederick Cope, son of Charles and Carolina Cope, born Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri, June 16, 1842. Route traveled across the plains up North Platte River.

Thomas B. McKinsty, born Pennsylvania, 1824.

Finis Barnett Miller, born Louisville, Kentucky, November 15, 1815.

John A. Nye, son of Abel and Mary Nye, born Unadilla, Otsego County, New York, May 24, 1832.

The book contains 262 pages of short biographies well indexed and may give many a genealogical clue to "missing relatives." This is certainly a most commendable project and one which *might well be followed*, especially by newer states.

The Montana shelf in our library contains about 100 books. In addition to those, we have microfilms of 1870-1880 Census—which was then Montana Territory.

Early Church & Cemetery Records by Genealogical Records Committee, 1940-1944.

Historical Society of Montana, volumes 1 to 10 inclusive. (Volume 1 is the 2nd edition—volume 8 is missing.)

History of Montana 1737-1885.

Vigilante Days & Ways—1912.

History of Montana from earliest period, Joaquin Miller, 1894.

Montana, the Land and the People—3 volumes—1930.

History of Montana, Saunders, 3 volumes, 1913.

Montana Story & Biography, 3 volumes, 1921, Stout.

Thirty-Six Years in the Rockies, Vaughn, 1900.

Pioneer Work in the Presbyterian Church in Montana, Edwards.

Montana S. A. R.—1895.

Tombstone Inscriptions, Montana Genealogical Records Committee, 1944.

Various County Histories from History of Montana, 1737-1885 (listed separately).

1st Marriages at Missoula Court House 1883-1892, Bitter Root Chapter.

The Montana Hyalite Chapter of Bozeman, a fine illustrated sketch of Ft. Ellis where Captain William Clark, of the Lewis & Clark Expedition, encamped July 14, 1818, and its subsequent history.

The Early History of Gallatin County, by Mrs. E. Lina Houston, Secretary of Pioneer Society.

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From the Oakland, Calif., Tribune of December 8, 1946. Dr. Benjamin Shurtleff at Shasta, in 1851, built his dwelling on a farm adjoining the town of Shasta. On the farm is one of the earliest graves in Shasta County. The epitaph tells the story: "Johnston Lecky, born March 25, 1809, in Pittsburgh, Pa., died in Shasta, Oct. 8, 1849." The marble headstone faces east. Another interesting one is located in Placer County near the old mining settlement of Doten's Bar.

Upon the completion of the Folsom Dam in the American River, this site will be flooded. The inscription is as follows: "Albert Tweed, died September 14, 1860, age 35 years, a resident of Malden, Massachusetts." The decedent, being a resident of Malden as stated in the epitaph, was probably on a visit to his relative, Hon. Chas. A. Tweed, who was a native of South Reading, Massachusetts, came to California in 1849, practiced law at Auburn and elsewhere in California, later being appointed justice of the Supreme Court of Arizona.

In Auburn Ravine, a mile below Auburn, west of the site of the Stone House, and up the hill therefrom, and north of the iron waterpipe extending up the hill, is located the grave of an early immigrant as indicated by the inscription on the rock: "Milton O. Finley, Morgan County, Missouri, January 7, 1850." On Scott's ranch in Trinity County there are three graves, two of which bear markers. One of these is for L. W. Hall, born February 14, 1832, died September 7, 1894, a native of Missouri. The other is for David Hall, who died May 6, 1878, age 60 years, also a native of Missouri.

From the Oakland Tribune of October 6, 1946. While on a prospecting trip fifteen miles east of Marysville, California, in the Browns Valley district, Emil Graff of Hayward found two brush-covered slabs. One

of marble had inscribed on it "Thomas Seavey, died October 14, 1862, age 48 years." The other, a large slab of country rock, had this: "A. C. Hale, 1853."

From a magazine, "The Continent" of October 25, 1882, in an article on Philadelphia: "Continental money had had its day, ruining many of the holders and bringing about a rate of prices only equaled in the last days of the Southern Confederacy. An original bill of purchase in 1781 is still to be seen, reading as follows:

Capt. A. McLane:

January 5, 1781.	Bo't of W. Nicoll.
1 pair boots	\$600.00
6 1/4 yds. calico at \$85 per yd.	752.00
6 yds. of chintz at \$150 do.	900.00
4 & 1/2 yds. moreen at \$100 do.	450.00
4 handkerchiefs at \$100 do.	400.00
8 yds. quality binding at \$4 per yd.	32.00
1 skein of silk	10.00
	\$3,144.00

If paid in specie, £1, 18 10s.

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Jona. Jones.

Contributed by Carile Lummis Santos, Oakland, California.

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Among the many hundreds of valuable copies of unpublished records received by our Library this year is a manuscript prepared by John Goodwin Herndon, 1 College Lane, Haverford, Pennsylvania, in which the Herndon line is carried through Amelia and Brunswick Counties, Virginia, into North Carolina records of Orange County. The Sketch gives valuable sidelights such as: "A fire in the Orange County Court House at Hillsboro about 1800 destroyed many records in the registry of deeds.

"To overcome this loss as far as possible the County authorities encouraged all persons holding old deeds to have them re-recorded. Great numbers were brought in but there remain many gaps, of course."

"There are preserved in the search room of the State Department of Archives at Raleigh, North Carolina, a series of unpublished Revolutionary Army Accounts."

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HELPFUL HINTS

Winchendon (Worcester County, Massachusetts) in the north central part of the state was called "Canada" because most

of the grantees of land were soldiers or descendants of soldiers who served against Canada in 1690.

Volume 5, page 594, Colonial Families of the United States by Mackenzie, contains a list of passengers on the "Ark and The Dove" with references.

How many generations back can you trace your family? How many of your own ancestors can you identify by name, dates and residence? This is a study not only in genealogy but it involves geography and history, both religious and secular.

Back to the Revolutionary War period covers about five or six generations. To the Mayflower, and the first Maryland and Virginia records require about 10 generations. Can you give authentic records with proof by wills, deeds, bible and church records, etc., of your two parents, four grandparents, eight great grandparents, sixteen great-great grandparents, thirty-two great-great-great-grandparents and so on, to the one hundred and twenty-eighth ancestors in the seventh generation, or approximately one thousand and twenty-four in the tenth generation? You "had 'em" whether you know their names or not or whether they lived in America or in foreign countries. Many of those foreign countries kept such records far better than we of America.

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Queries

Queries must be typed double spaced on separate slips of paper and limited to two queries (a) and (b) of not more than sixty words each. Add name and address on same line following last query. Queries conforming to above requirements will be published as soon as space is available.

The purpose of this section of the Genealogical Department is mutual assistance to those seeking information on same or related families.

Correspondence regarding former queries cannot be answered by this department since no information is available prior to June, 1938, after which date all is published. Requests for names and addresses of members "who have joined under service of a Revolutionary soldier" should not be sent to this Department since we do not have access to those records.

F-47. (a) Stone.—Want parentage, etc., Israel Howard Stone, born 1822, Troy, Rensselaer County, New York. Legend—father died before his birth, mother at his birth. Bound out. Ran away after Guardian's second marriage. Married Nancy M. Maxson, (daughter Zacheus R. Maxson—Temperence Coon.) Civil War Veteran. Resided, Little

Genesee, Alleghany County, New York. Music Teacher. Died Portville, Cattaraugus County, New York.

(b) Coon-Reynolds-Randall.—Want parentage, etc., Temperence Coon, born December 26, 1793, Rensselaer County, New York. Died September 11, 1858, Little Genesee, Alleghany County, New York. Married Zacheus R. Maxson, son Zacheus Maxson, Revolutionary War, son Benjamin Maxson Sr., Revolutionary War—Eunice Reynolds, (daughter Zacheus Reynolds, Hopkinton, Rhode Island) Benjamin Maxson Sr. son, John Maxson—Thankful Randall, Rhode Island. Want Reynolds, Randall, data. Belle M. Brock, 740 Zion Street, Nevada City, California.

F-47. Bell.—James Bell, born in Ohio County, Virginia (W. Va.) in 1776, married Mary Hamilton; moved to Guernsey County, Ohio, in 1810. Sons known were Robert, Hamilton, and Andrew. Listed with the pioneers of Guernsey County in 1840. Wanted—name of James Bell's father and mother. Date of birth, marriage, and death; names of their descendants, also the Revolutionary service. Mrs. Gertrude A. Bell Steger, Bella Vista, Shasta County, California.

F-47. (a) Keele.—Want data concerning James Keele and wife Maria of Mercer County, Kentucky, from 1804 to 1816, thence Warren County, Kentucky. His will 1819. She died 1826. Children: James born 1780; John 1782 (will 1840); Jesse; Abraham born 1787, Tennessee; Thomas; Isaac born Kentucky (was minor in 1804, married Patience Kerr); Jacob and Asa. Want data on wife Maria.

(b) Was James Keele the Baptist Preacher of East Tennessee, or related to Arthur Keele who had son James born 1741-3 and a son Richard of Revolutionary service in Henry County, Virginia? Did above James Keele have Revolutionary service? They were Primitive Baptists. Mrs. F. W. Floyd, Apto. 1249, Caracas, Venezuela, South America.

F-47. (a) Peete.—Want ancestry of Edwin Peete who married Ann Bignall Speed in Christian County, Kentucky, about 1820/24. Edwin Peete's daughter, Emily Ann, married John A. Taylor in (?) County, Tennessee or Kentucky, in 1843. Edwin Peete's Revolutionary service record earnestly desired.

(b) Claiborne.—Wanted, place and time of birth and death of Burnell (or Bernard) Claiborne, husband of Georgiana Ravenscroft. Married (date?). Their son Capt. Thomas B. Claiborne married Mary Clayton (date?) of Brunswick County, Virginia, and is buried at Sweet Hall, King William County, Virginia. Elizabeth Claiborne, Box 254, Millersburg, Kentucky.

F-47. (a) Plant-Causey.—Data desired on Nancy Plant (daughter of Lorenzo Dow Plant and Louisa Sugg of Pocahontas, Illinois, Bond County). Married to James Causey. Nancy born about 1845.

(b) Causey-Mandler.—Data desired—marriage date of Alice Causey and Jacob Mandler, Illinois. Mrs. Clyde Vaughan, Hoyt Street, Darien, Connecticut.

F-47. (a) Ambrose.—Ambrose, James Wright. Is said to have been born Hartford, Conn., Nov., 1829. Married Sumter District, South Carolina, May 24, 1849, Margaret McDougald. Died there 1862. Said to have gone to South Carolina with Rogers and Spencer families. Engaged in car-

riage-making trade. Data asked concerning parents, brothers, sisters.

(b) **Scarborough.**—Scarborough, Addison. Data requested of same who was granted land, South Carolina, 1784. Proof asked he was major in colonial militia. Data also requested of Josey Howell, first wife. Martha Kelly was second wife. Information of parents and birthplace of both requested. First son was Henry, born 1780. Mrs. A. V. Mascia, 4311 North Ashlawn Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

F'47. (a) Coleman-White.—Wish parents and names of children of Spencer Coleman and Lucy White. He was born in King and Queen County, Virginia, about 1752; married Lucy White in Shenandoah County, Virginia, Nov. 29, 1773. Was Virginia soldier in Revolution. Moved to Cocke County, Tennessee, at close of war. Did they have daughter Polly who married Benjamin McCrary in East Tennessee in 1808?

(b) **Chew.**—Wish parents of Mary Chew. She married Colonel Goodrich Lightfoot in Culpepper County, Virginia. Wish date of birth and marriage. Colonel Lightfoot was born in Gloucester Co., Virginia, in 1682, died in Orange Co., Virginia, in 1738. Their son Captain Goodrich Lightfoot married Susannah Slaughter, daughter of Mary Smith and Robert Slaughter. Bessie Henry, 6021 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago 37, Illinois.

F'47. Weakley.—Data desired on father and mother of Isaac Weakley. Born 3-5-1770, died in Nashville, Tennessee, 1854. He shows in Tennessee records in the 1790s. Had brothers Samuel and Thomas. Was Colonel Robert Weakley his brother? In what State was he born? Any other data on this Weakley family. Lucille V. Fowley, 1175 Hibbard, Detroit 14, Michigan.

F'47. (a) Williams-Munn.—Wanted, ancestry of Enos Williams (1745-1826)? born at Caldwell, N. J. (had brother Simeon) and wife Abia Munn. Children Elizabeth, Samuel, Gerston, Swain. Samuel married Huldah Whitehead (1779-1846) Morristown, N. J., daughter of Onesimus Whitehead (1742-1814). Samuel moved to Jersey, Ohio, in 1816. Want data on Whitehead family and Munn family.

(b) **Whitehead-Condit-Smith.**—Abner Whitehead (son of Onesimus) married Abigail Condit (1779), Orange, N. J., daughter of Jabez Condit (son of Phillip of Morristown, N. J.). Jabez married Phebe Smith (1736-1813) daughter of David Smith of Orange, N. J. Did any of Williams, Munn, Condit or Smith's have Revolutionary ancestors. All are early settlers of Conn. and N. J. Mrs. Sylvia Renner Hadden, 308 West Green St., Urbana, Ill.

F'47. (a) Bardin.—George Newton Bardin, my father, was born in Middleburg, Florida. His father's name was William S. Bardin. The family came from North and South Carolina to Florida. One ancestor is said to have been in a Virginia regiment during the Revolution. Can anyone give me further information?

(b) I have been told that the names Bardin, Bardeen, Barden, Borden, Burdin, Burden, are all the same with different spellings. Is this correct? Mrs. Harry E. Wood, 534 Palm Court, Tallahassee, Florida.

F'47. (a) Ellis-Lott.—Who were the parents of Betsy Ellis born 2/19/1787, died 8/17/1875,

and her husband, Stephen Lott, born 8/20/1783, died 3/9/1868. They were married in 1807. Both buried in Lemon Cemetery, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania.

(b) **Lott.**—Stephen Lott, born 8/20/1783, died 3/9/1868, married 1807 Betsy Ellis, 2/19/1787, died 8/17/1875. He is supposed to be grandson of Captain Henry Lott, born 1707, Newtown, Long Island, died in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, 1784, who had sons Stephen, Henry, Zephaniah and Leonard. Who was father of Stephen Lott, 1787-1875. Mrs. Dora Kellogg, 126 North 35th Street, Omaha 3, Nebraska.

F'47. (a) Preston.—Want any information concerning (Mary?) Preston, who married Thomas Booth, who died intestate abt. Nov. 2, 1839, Londongrove, Penna. 4th gen.

(b) **Whitby.**—Want any information regarding Jane Whitby, who married in 1762-4-26 by the minister of Old Sweeds Church, Wilmington, Delaware, to Charles Booth, born at or near Elkton, Md. d. 1826-8-25, Londongrove, Penna. 5th gen. Mrs. Gideon T. Smitheman, Route 1, Box 989, Phoenix, Arizona.

F'47. Barnes.—Wish information regarding Gilbert Barnes, active in First Methodist Church, Wilkes Barre, Pa. Married Betsy Ossencup at Jacob's Plains (Plains) near Wilkes Barre, January, 1806. Were there children and grandchildren from this marriage? Betsy's brother, Henry, served in War of 1812. Her father, Jacob Hausenkopf (Ossencup), was captain in Washington's army. What was her mother's maiden name and where born? Mrs. Arthur N. Parsons, 43 Park Avenue, Binghamton, New York.

F'47. (a) Hughes.—Want parents of Elizabeth Hughes, born Feb. 15, 1738, in Maryland, who married Jeremiah Stokes, born June 19, 1736, in Virginia. They were pioneer settlers of Greenville, S. C., and had: Jonathan, Terry, wife of Elisha Green, Jeremiah, Elizabeth Stokes Paul, John J., and Hughes Stokes.

(b) **Green.**—Want parents of Elisha Green above who was a Revolutionary soldier from Union Co., S. C. He settled in Greenville, S. C., where lived also his sisters Elender, wife of Johnny Pool (Revolutionary soldier) and Tabitha, wife of Jesse Pool. Mrs. Ansel M. Hawkins, Box 315, Greer, South Carolina.

F'47. Bray-Brown-Herbert.—Rev. John Bray and his first wife Susannah gave the land in 1704 upon which was built the Baptist church at Holmdel, New Jersey. His second wife was Anna Seabrook Bowne (widow of Andrew Bowne). Want information about Anna Seabrook Bowne Bray and her parents—Seabrook and Mary Herbert? (Miss) S. Bertha Swayze, 1514 68th Ave., Phila. 26, Pa.

F'47. (a) Layman.—Wish data on John and Nancy Layman, parents of Nancy Ann Layman Mitchell, born Feb. 3, 1801, at Hamilton County, Tenn. and married about 1817 Solomon P. Mitchell a veteran of the War of 1812. Family claimed relationship to James K. Polk. Mitchells later moved to St. Louis.

(b) **Conklin.**—Data on parents of Jacob Conklin born June 19, 1790 died Feb. 25, 1866. Married Sept. 10, 1814 to Joanna Armstrong born Oct. 25, 1796 died July 26, 1830. Father's name was James and mother's name was Sarah. Mrs. Howard Doyle, Box #336, Parsons, Kansas.

Committee Reports

Radio

MANY states did excellent work. Here are a few high lights. North Carolina has 70 chapters and 69 accomplished something worth while. Some had regular time. Elizabeth Maxwell Steele Chapter under state chairman, Mrs. J. R. Norwood, had 145 broadcasts. Wonderful cooperation between press and radio with papers listing the Daughters of the American Revolution broadcasts. Radio breakfast held at state conference. Two hundred forty-nine broadcasts, not including many "spots." This "tops" all state reports.

Alabama—Evelyn Walker of Cahawba Chapter put on 31 broadcasts "Our American Heritage" in Birmingham Schools Radio Series. Colorado had 14 broadcasts at state conference. Connecticut—7 on "Our American Principle of Self Government" by Trinity College professors and one by Sir Alfred Gimmern, distinguished historian. Series printed in Trinity Alumni Publication with introduction by state regent. Florida—National broadcast by state chairman, Miss V. M. Smith, on "Daughters of the American Revolution Juniors." Illinois—Good work; 37 broadcasts of ¼ hour each over WJBC. Indiana—19 broadcasts "Young America Speaks," by Public Speaking Students of Gary High Schools. Ninety nine broadcasts of ¼ hour each reported. Iowa—Series on famous Americans; Iowa stories; original Iowa compositions.

Kansas—Excellent scripts written. Kentucky—Regular series by several chapters. Louisiana—More broadcasts than ever. Maine—Regular "Daughters of the American Revolution Time" over two stations. Feel the Daughters of the American Revolution has been brought to attention of state. Many fine comments for it. Maryland—Regular series every Sunday with exceptionally fine speakers. One recorded in

Congressional Record. Mrs. J. F. Betterley, state chairman, arranged for broadcast on Lafayette's Birthday—coast to coast under auspices of Daughters of the American Revolution by His Excellency, Henri Bonnet, French Ambassador. Minnesota had national officers and chairmen. Mississippi—Becoming radio minded. Missouri—Increased radio work.

New York—Many Constitution Day broadcasts. A Brooklyn chapter had 56 broadcasts of five minutes each on "George Washington Hour." Lord Stirling chapter gave \$25.00 bond to High School student winner of best radio script. Mrs. E. F. Madden, state chairman, reports 202 broadcasts. Ohio—Offered prize for best radio script in schools for Flag Day. One series on history has been on the air for ten years. Oregon—18 chapters each wrote a biographical script—"They Have Lived in Our Northwest" for station owned by state—KOAC. Pennsylvania—Emphasized in radio programs—the Memorial Bell Tower for Valley Forge. Yorktown chapter had 55 broadcasts of ¼ hour and 34 "spots." Texas—49 broadcasts over 12 stations. Mrs. Lena Milan, radio chairman of Col. George Moffett chapter had 17 programs using students.

I regret that space does not allow me to amplify on the reports or to mention all the states. The printed "Proceedings of Congress" will give a summary of every state. Anyone interested will be able to get her regent's copy to read. I am deeply appreciative of the good work done by many state chairmen who have taken their responsibility seriously and by the chapter chairmen who have worked hard to get "time on the air."

MARTHA TAYLOR HOWARD
(Mrs. George Howard),
Retiring National Radio Chairman.

Motion Picture Committee

THE CHILDREN'S FILM LIBRARY AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

LAST autumn, Mr. Eric Johnston, President of the Motion Picture Association, announced the formation of a CHIL-

DREN'S FILM LIBRARY and we reported on the project about six months ago. It is interesting, now, to review it in the light of half a year's growth.

The plan, as Mr. Johnston conceived it, called for the reprinting of timeless motion

pictures of past years—pictures which earlier generations had enjoyed but which the present crop of youngsters had never seen.

THE CHILDREN'S FILM LIBRARY quickly took root in many communities. The need for new titles became pressing and a committee was formed to suggest and evaluate additional films. Composed of representatives from previewing groups of various organizations—one of which is our own DAR, this committee set itself standards for appraisal. Although educational value and parental approval were recognized and weighed, a major consideration was high entertainment value for young people. The basic appeal was to be "pictures that children love."

A list of recommended films was drawn up, screened, and voted upon by committee members. Next, and perhaps most important of all, each recommended film was previewed by unselected school children of 8-12. This step is called "The Wiggle Test" and it is fairly infallible. When children are interested, they sit absorbed. When they are bored, they "wiggle." The reactions of the young previewers made an accurate yardstick by which to measure films for their age level. On this basis, sequences were deleted and in some cases whole films discarded.

Every picture suggested for the LIBRARY will undergo this stringent adult-junior examination, so there is a guarantee that titles added will be popular with children as well as suitable for them.

To widen, further, the scope for children's programs, the committee takes recent

films as well as old timers into consideration. According to estimates by *Parent's Magazine* one out of every three or four current motion pictures is adapted to children's tastes and interests. Moreover, youngsters like to see the same pictures as their parents as long as the themes are not too adult to hold their attention.

Accordingly, the previewing groups of the Motion Picture Association have added to their reports on current films the cryptic symbols, CPA or CPR. CPA means that a picture is "acceptable" for children's programs. CPR means that it is of sufficient value to be highly recommended.

Thus, the material for junior matinees is limitless. With past and present output to choose from, our young folk are assured of fine film fare.

Mr. Johnston is to be congratulated upon this splendid venture in the interests of America's children, and the industry he represents is to be commended for cooperating with him in providing a full measure of suitable entertainment.

Successful Children's Programs need the wholehearted support of community groups. If such programs are lacking in your city and a chapter wishes to sponsor one, the Motion Picture Association, 28 West 44th Street, New York City, will be happy to give information and suggestions as to how to go about it.

MARION LEE MONTGOMERY
(Mrs. LeRoy Montgomery),
National Chairman,
Motion Picture Committee.

Seasonal Film Fare

SUMMER seems to call for the lighter touch in all our living. Just as we select our menus and our hammock reading with an eye on the thermometer and a more relaxed existence, we will want to choose motion pictures to suit our summer selves.

Fortunately, there are a good many films whose "lighter touch" is as cooling to the spirit as the iced temperature of the air-conditioned theatre is to the outer man or woman.

One outstanding comedy drama with a pithy message embedded in high entertainment value is *THE FARMER'S DAUGHTER*. Loretta Young is the "daughter" who leaves her Swedish farm family to study nursing

in the big city. Circumstances change her plans so that she becomes a maid in the home of Congressman Morley. Joseph Cotton plays Morley and Ethel Barrymore is his politically powerful mother. All three stars give superb performances and the story develops amusingly, with Katie—the farm lass—interposing forthright political opinions and eventually running for Congress against a corrupt party wheelhorse. Katie's democratic principles win her the election and her charm and warm human qualities win her the husband of her choice. At the end of the picture, two Congressmen Morley go to Washington to fight for the rights of the people they represent.

CYNTHIA provides another pleasant interlude during dog days. It tells of a close-knit family in which parents have sacrificed ambition and opportunity to devote their lives to an invalid daughter. The girl, however, is made miserable by too much cossetting and strikes out for a bit of normal fun by attending her junior prom, against doctor's orders. Cynthia's rebellion does her good instead of harm. The burden of imagined illness falls from the family's shoulders and leaves them free to find happiness without fear.

A third recipe for hot weather entertainment may be found in *WELCOME STRANGER* which brings us, one more, that inspired combination of talents—Bing Crosby and Barry Fitzgerald. In *GOING MY WAY*, these two cheered and enchanted young and old. They bid fair to increase their popularity by their roles in this new film where they enter the medical field. Fitzgerald is an elderly, small town doctor,

Crosby the young physician who takes the former's place during an enforced vacation. The two personalities clash, but a firm friendship develops amid a delightful mixture of dramatic situations and comedy relief.

One more bright interval for midsummer doldrums is offered by the hilarious *IT HAPPENED ON FIFTH AVENUE*. Victor Moore is tremendously funny as a tramp who spends the winter in the boarded-up mansion of a millionaire. Charles Ruggles adds his own type of spice as the unwitting host and a multitude of ridiculous events keeps most audiences in an uproar.

Our best wishes to you for an air-conditioned summer and happy screen selections at your theatre.

MARION LEE MONTGOMERY
(Mrs. LeRoy Montgomery),
Chairman,
National Preview Committee.

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